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THE MANAGER,

"BOMBAY CHRONICLE."

ALL-INDIA WEATHER.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Feb. 18.

The prevailing disturbed conditions have
 given precipitation in North-east India, the
 Punjab and the sub-montane districts of the
 United Provinces. Sky has now commenced
 to clear in north-west India and a wave of
 low pressure has extended eastwards as far
 as Central India.

The rainfall has been nearly general in
 Assam, Chota Nagpur, Bihar east and north
 Punjab; fairly general in Bengal, the United
 Provinces and local in Orissa, south-west
 Punjab, Central India east.

The chief falls are:—Tezpur one inch,
 Dhubri two, Gauhati, Saugor Island and
 Dinaipur one and half; Jalpaiguri three,
 Darjeeling one; Purnea and Darbhanga
 three-quarters; Gaya two; Patna, and Bah-
 raich, a half; Bareilly three-quarters; Muk-
 tesar one; Silket one and half; Kharwal one;
 Murree three-quarters and Kharwal one.
 Forecast:—Decrease of rainfall in the
 Punjab and the United Provinces with
 little change in north-east India.

DISTURBED WEATHER AT SIMLA.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Feb. 18.

The weather at Simla continues disturb-
 ed. About half a foot of snow fell last
 night and it is still snowing.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Wed-
 nesday, the 18th February 1914, giving data for the
 preceding 24 hours.

THE PUNJAB.—Rainfall has been nearly general in the
 submontane districts of the Punjab; Rawalpindi had had
 0.85", Lahore 0.35" and Ambala 0.12". Skies are clear
 in the south-west Punjab and lightly to moderately
 clouded elsewhere. Humidity is normal or in excess.
 Maximum temperature is in defect; minimum tempera-
 ture is also below normal at Rawalpindi, Multan and
 Simla.

THE UNITED PROVINCES.—Skies are lightly to moderately
 clouded. The air is damper than usual. Day tem-
 perature is in defect but night temperature is normal or
 in excess. Rainfall has been nearly general in the
 submontane districts of the United Provinces; Lucknow
 had had 0.85", Allahabad 0.35" and Agra 0.12". Skies are
 clear in the south-west Punjab and lightly to moderately
 clouded elsewhere. Humidity is normal or in excess.
 Maximum temperature is in defect; minimum tempera-
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 Simla.

THE BOMBAY DECCAN AND HYDERABAD.—Skies are lightly
 to moderately clouded in the northern half of the division
 and clear or lightly clouded in the southern half. Humi-
 dity is normal or in excess. Maximum temperature is in
 defect at Aurangabad and at most stations in the
 Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad. Minimum temperature is
 in defect at Aurangabad, Bijapur and Belgaum.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Rainfall has been nearly general
 in the submontane districts of the Punjab, United Pro-
 vinces and Bombay Deccan. Humidity is normal or in
 excess. Maximum temperature is in defect at Aurangabad,
 Bijapur and Belgaum. Minimum temperature is in defect
 at Aurangabad, Bijapur and Belgaum.

RESERVATIONS TAKEN
 at 8 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the
 18th of February 1914.

STATIONS.	Temp. at 8 a.m.	Temp. at 4 p.m.	Temp. at 8 p.m.	Bar. at 8 a.m.	Bar. at 4 p.m.	Bar. at 8 p.m.
PER SHAH-ABAD	65.4	84.1	84.1	30.0	30.0	30.0
Do. (17th)	65.4	84.1	84.1	30.0	30.0	30.0
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COMMERCIAL.

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

THE MONEY MARKET.

(RUSSIA'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Consols 2½ %	7611.16—1.16
Exchange on London at Paris Feb 25.1914 plus 1	
Rentes 3 %	87.35 plus 1
Berlin Cheques on London	20.44unchgd.
Bar Silver Spot	26.44unchgd.
Bar Silver 2 months hence	26.44unchgd.
Closing Tote of silver—firm.	
Rupee Paper 3½ %	64.4unchgd.
Exchange on India 30 d-st. (Bank buy- ing Rate)	129.32unchgd.
Discount Bank of England Rate 3 %	
since 29th ultimo.	
Amount Withdrawn from the Bank of England about	£100,000
3½ % India Stock (Sterling Loan)	91.1—1
Discount Bank Bills 3 m-st.	23.16plus 1
" Indian Bank Bills 6 m-st.	24.4unchgd.
" Fine Trade Bills 3 months	24.4unchgd.
" " " 6 " "	34.1—1
Bar Gold (per oz.)	77.93
Interest day to day loans	1.1unchgd.
" 7 day market loans	1.1unchgd.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Day's Receipts at all U.S. Ports	38,000
" Exports to Great Britain	2,000
" Exports to Continent	11,000
Futures at New York March	12.25plus 1
Futures at New York May	11.96plus 1
Declined owing to Commission house liquidation and advance on receipts running below Expectations.	
Spot Cotton at New York	12.90unchgd.
Spot Cotton at New Orleans	13.00unchgd.
Tone of Spot Cotton—steady.	
Futures at New Orleans March	12.50unchgd.
Futures at New Orleans May	12.56plus 1
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	93.1—1
Demand Bills	4.85plus 1
Silver Commercial Bars	57.4unchgd.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.

Total Day's Sales at Liverpool	2,000
" Sales of East Indian	500
" Imports	42,000
Tone of Liverpool Cotton Spot—Fair demand easier.	
Tone of Liverpool Cotton Futures steady.	
Tone of Manchester Market dull and inactive.	
Mid Americans	7.05plus 1d
Egyptian G. G. F.	9.25—10d
New York 11 a.m. (As known in Liver- pool at closing time.)	March 12.19—3
May	11.91—4
New York Official noon call March	12.23plus 1
May	11.95unchgd.
New Orleans 10 a.m.	March 12.44—6
May	12.51—4

CLOSING PRICES.

Months.	Previous closing price.	To-day's price.
F.M.	8.71	8.68—5
M.A.	6.72	6.67—5
A.M.	6.69	6.64—5
M.J.	6.69	6.64—5
J.J.	6.65	6.59—6
J.A.	6.61	6.55—6
A.S.	6.50	6.45—5
S.O.	6.36	6.32—4
N.O.	6.28	6.24—4
N.D.	6.24	6.20—4

LIVERPOOL COTTON GOODS.

Feb. 17.

Tone "Dhotties" and "Shirtings" quiet firm	
Tone "Clothes" firmer	
West American 64's	11.1
" Egyptian 80's	17.1
Tone "Yarns"	Steady.
Twist 32's W.T.C.	12
" 32's B.	10.1
" 36's W.T.C.	10
" 36's B.	10.1
" 42's	11.1
" American 60's	16.1
" Egyptian 60's	16.1
" 80's	20.1

Grey Shirting 39 by 37-38 yards 16 by	7.5
12-88s. Red Heading	7.5
Grey Shirtings 44 by 39 yards 14 by	8
13-88s.	8
White Nainsooks 28 by 18 yards 10 by	2.9
13 to 16-15 Range	2.9
White Mulls 28 by 18 yards 14 by 12	2.1
Green Ends	2.1
Cloth Gunnis 36" G. 20 cif	12.9
40's Bannermills Twist	11.1
Geo. Mayalls Yarns	11
F.G.F. Tunnivell of Liverpool	6.3-32

Buyers or Sellers Sellers	
Months March April	
Water Twist American 30's	10.1
" 40's	11.1
" 50's	12.1
" 60's	14.1
" Egyptian 40's	16.1
" 50's	16.1
" 60's	17.1

Choice White Karachi, per 402lbs. C.I.F.	37
May-June; London value unchanged	
F.A.Q. Red Karachi, per 402lbs. C.I.F.	
no quotation quiet but steady	
South American Rozario Santa Fe—	
62lbs. no sellers.	
Barletta Russo—62lbs. sellers Feb.	34.1plus 1
March; firmer	
South Australian March-April: done	35.1
unchanged	
Victorian March-April done unchanged	35.1
New South Wales March-April done	35.1
unchanged	

Raped, Yellow Cawnpore 416lbs.	54.1
85 % ex-Ship nominal	
Raped, Yellow Guzerat, 416lbs. ex- Ship March-April; Dunkirk	
New Terms done	
Raped, Brown, 416lbs. ex-Ship	54.1

WHEAT.	
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SPORT AT HOME.

LEAGUE RESULTS AND CUP TIES.

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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Just when the Blackburn Rovers were being seriously challenged for the leadership of the first League, two serious rivals in Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers dropped points. This has improved the outlook for the Rovers, who now enjoy a 3 points lead over Sunderland. The match between Blackburn Rovers and Sheffield United was fast and exciting. After thirty-five minutes Lathorn headed through for Blackburn. Five minutes after the resumption Robinson turned the ball through his own goal and the sides were level. The Rovers were soon attacking again, and Shea was fouled in the penalty area when he looked like scoring. He took the kick himself and put his side in front, and a little later added a third. For a time after this Sheffield had more of the play, but they could only score once through Gillespie.

Manchester United shared four goals at Oldham against the athletic Woodger. Woodger gave Oldham the lead with a great shot, and Wall equalised from a penalty. Following a midfield play in the second half, Woodcock put Manchester in front, and soon after Gee again made the sides level. Tottenham Hotspur lost their match with Manchester City by 2 goals to 1. The 'Spurs' were a trifle unfortunate to lose, for they did just as much attacking as the City. Seven minutes after the resumption Taylor, of Manchester, scored, and a second was added by Cumming as the result of a brilliant individual effort. Following a deal of pressure, Sparrow worked into a good position and scored for the 'Spurs'.

Sunderland proved that last week's form was all wrong by beating Middlesbrough by 4 goals to 2 at Roker Park. Elliott scored first for Middlesbrough, and this was the only goal of the first half. On resuming, Sunderland drew level, Connor netting from a pass by Holley. Ten minutes later Holley gave his side the lead, and Connor put on a third. Elliott got through again for Middlesbrough, but a fourth from Mordue gave Sunderland the victory.

ASTON VILLA'S GOOD FORM. Following their big victory over Sunderland the Aston Villa players went to Everton and won easily by 4 to 1. Clennell (Everton) opened the scoring two minutes after the start. The Villa, however, settled down, and Hampton equalised just before the interval. After a good deal of pressing by Everton, the Villa played brilliant football, and Stephenson gave them the lead from a corner. Wallace scored a third, and Stephenson the fourth. Chelsea and Burnley played splendid football at Stamford Bridge, and the result—a draw—fairly represents the run of the play. Chelsea had a splendid chance of taking the lead when Bamford handled in the penalty area, but Dawson tipped Hunter's shot over the bar.

Preston North End won at Bolton because they seized the chances that came their way. Preston scored all their goals during the second half, Osborne getting the first and Ford the other two. The result of the Sheffield Wednesday-Newcastle match means a case of as you were as regards their positions in the League. The features of the match were the goal-keeping of Mellor for Newcastle and the weak shooting of both sets of forwards, neither goal falling.

OTHER RESULTS.

Oxford University beat Ealing, at Oxford, on Jan. 24, by 5 goals to 0.

The Corinthians beat Cambridge University, at Queen's Club, by 2 goals to 1.

The Southern Amateur League beat Oxford University, at Queen's Club, West Kensington, on Jan. 23, by 3 goals to 0.

The Household Brigade beat Surrey, at St. Andrew's, by 2 goals to 1.

Middlesex and Essex played a drawn game at Highbury, each side having scored 2 goals.

Hampshire beat Dorset in the Southern Counties' Amateur Championship competition, at Bournemouth, on Jan. 24, by 3 goals to 0.

Cornwall beat Somerset, at St. Austell, by 3 goals to 1.

The Casuals beat the London County and Westminster Bank in the Southern Amateur League, at Tufnell Park, on Jan. 24, by 3 goals to 0.

LEAGUE I.

The results of the matches in the League Championship on Jan. 24 were as follows:—

Blackburn Rovers 3 goals, Sheffield United 2, at Blackburn;

Sunderland 4, Middlesbrough 2, at Sunderland;

Oldham Athletic 2, Manchester United 2, at Oldham;

Liverpool 1, West Bromwich Albion 0, at West Bromwich;

Bradford City 0, Derby County 0, at Bradford;

Manchester City 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1, at Manchester;

Chelsea 0, Burnley 1, at Chelsea;

Aston Villa 4, Everton 1, at Everton;

Sheffield Wednesday 0, Newcastle United 0, at Sheffield;

Preston North End 3, Bolton Wanderers 0, at Bolton.

LEAGUE II.

The results of the matches in the Second Division of the League on Jan. 24 were as follows:—

Notts County 4 goals, Leeds City 2, at Leeds;

Woolwich Arsenal 1, Barnsley 0, at Highbury;

Hull City 3, Grimsby Town 1, at Grimsby;

Fulham 1, Lincoln City 0, at Lincoln;

Birmingham 4, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, at Birmingham;

Clapton Orient 1, Bradford 0, at Homerton;

Bristol City 1, Leicester Fosse 0, at Bristol;

Glossop 1, Stockport County 1, at Glossop;

Huddersfield Town 1, Blackpool 0, at Blackpool;

Nottingham Forest 1, Bury 1, at Nottingham.

The results of the matches in the Southern League on Jan. 24 were as follows:—

Reading 2 goals, Swindon Town 0, at Reading;

Crystal Palace 4, Cardiff City 0, at the Crystal Palace;

Northampton 2, Southend United 0, at Northampton;

West Ham United 4, Queen's Park Rangers 1, at Upton Park;

Plymouth Argyle 1, Merthyr Town 0, at Plymouth;

Exeter City 2, Coventry City 1, at Coventry;

Watford 2, Millwall 1, at Watford;

Norwich City 0, Portsmouth 0, at Norwich;

Gillingham 4, Brighton and Hove Albion 0, at Gillingham;

Southampton 2, Bristol Rovers 0, at Southampton.

The following League Tables are corrected up to January 29:—

FIRST LEAGUE.

Goals.

Blackburn R. 24 12 7 4 46 35 35

Sunderland 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Manchester U. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Bolton Wan. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Bradford City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Sheff. Utd. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

W. Bromwich A. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Rumley Villa 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Everton 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Chelsea 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Middlesbrough 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Liverpool 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Sheff. Wed. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Tottenham H. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Derby County 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Newcastle Utd. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Stamford A. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Preston North End 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

SECOND LEAGUE.

Goals.

Woolwich Arsenal 24 12 7 4 46 35 35

Notts County 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Leeds City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Bradford City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Bury 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Clapton Orient 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Fulham 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Wolverhampton W. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Barnsley 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Rushley Town 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Birmingham 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Bristol City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Stockport County 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Blackpool 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Leicester Fosse 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Sheff. Wed. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Lincoln City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Notts Forest 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Goals.

Swindon 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Crystal Palace 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Plymouth Argyle 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Southampton 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Northampton 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

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Norwich City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Southend United 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Millwall 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Watford 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Coventry City 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Merthyr Town 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Goals.

Celtic 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Heart of Mid-L. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Leath Rangers 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Renfrew Morton 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Airdrieonians 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Falkirk 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Third Lanark R.V. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Dundee 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Leeds 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Hibernians 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Partick Thistle 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Dumbarton 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Rath Rovers 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Filmockath 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Mothershead 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Ayr United 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Queen's Park 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Hamilton Academ. 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

Paisley 23 12 7 4 46 35 35

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and 1-dropped goal (9 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

Bristol beat Clifton, at Bristol, by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to 0.

Gloucester beat Cheltenham, at Gloucester, by 2 goals, 1 penalty goal, and 6 tries (31 points) to 0.

Leicester beat Devonport Albion, at Leicester, by 3 tries (9 points) to 1 penalty goal (3 points).

Watsonians beat Glasgow Academicals, at Glasgow, by 1 try (3 points) to 0.

Jed Forest beat Edinburgh University, at Jedburgh, by 1 try (3 points) to 0.

Royal High School F. C. beat Edinburgh Academicals, at Edinburgh, by 1 goal and 3 tries (14 points) to tries (6 points).

Devonport Albion beat Coventry, at Coventry, on Jan. 26, by 1 dropped goal and 2 tries (10 points) to 0.

CRICKET.

Mr. W. Findlay, Secretary of the Surrey County Cricket Club, announces that Mr. C. T. A. Wilkinson will captain the first eleven from the beginning of the season until the end of June.

The match between the M.C.C. and the Orange Free State ended on Jan. 26 in a victory for the Englishmen by an innings and 374 runs. Barnes again bowled splendidly, and in getting Mr. Steytler caught in the slips in the South Africans' second innings he secured his hundredth wicket of the tour.

Reuter telegraphed from Bloemfontein on Jan. 26:—It is understood that the local Cricket Union intends to place before the M.C.C. Board the question of the behaviour of the M.C.C. team in the recent tour. The team was to have been met by the Mayor and leading citizens, but it is stated that the members of the team slipped out by a side exit. Mr. Douglas and Mr. Bird subsequently apologised to the Mayor for the extreme rudeness of the action, but the feeling here is that Bloemfontein has been publicly insulted and that a private apology is insufficient. It is stated that no explanation accompanied the apology. All the entertainments which had been arranged for the team have been cancelled.

GOLF.

Last year the Professional Golfers' Association decided that the annual match should be played at a time other than that of the Open Championship. The step was taken in order to simplify the working of the championship and also to give the match a more independent interest. The committee now announce that they have accepted an offer from the proprietors of *Country Life* to present a challenge cup, to be held by the club to which the captain of the winning side is attached, together with gold medals to the winning players and silver medals to the losers. The donors further propose to present the cup and medals at a dinner, to be given on the evening of the event, to the two teams and a number of prominent amateurs.

Two foursome matches were played on the Caversham and South Oxfordshire Club's course at Caversham on Jan. 23. In the morning A. H. Bishop, the local professional, and Mr. F. W. Dorman beat James Webb, the Wimbledon Town professional, and Mr. H. Dörner by 3 holes up and 2 to play. In the afternoon Mr. H. Dörner and Mr. T. P. Tristcott beat Mr. F. W. Dorman and James Webb by 4 and 3.

BOWLING.

At a meeting of the captains of the Oxford University Boat Club the Torpid races have been fixed for Thursday, Feb. 19, and following days.

HOCKEY.

Oxford University beat United Hospitals in the Parks, at Oxford, on Jan. 23, by 3 goals to 0.

LACROSSE.

Oxford University beat Finchley in the Southern Senior Flag competition, at Oxford, on Jan. 24, by 12 goals to 4; Clapham beat Cambridge University, at Lord's, by 11 goals to 2.

BOXING.

Bombardier Wells gained an easy victory over Pigot at Caxton, on Jan. 24. Sam Langford beat Petty-Officer Curran in Paris.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Cambridge University Hare and Hounds beat the Ranelagh Harriers over a course of six and a half miles at Putney Heath on Saturday by a single point—27 points to 28.

TENNIS.

The Amateur Championship will be begun at Queen's Club, Kensington, W., on April 28. Entries close on April 25. The challenge round, in which the Hon. N. S. Lytton, the holder, will defend his title, will be played on May 9.

THE FYTCHLEY HUNT.

Lord Downe presided at a meeting of subscribers to the Fytchley Hunt, held at Northampton, on Jan. 27, when Lord Annaly's resignation of the Mastership was received. Lord Downe said he felt convinced that when the history of the hunt came to be written Lord Annaly would be acclaimed as the best Master the Fytchley had ever had. The meeting confirmed the action of the Hunt Committee in electing Sir Charles Lowther as Lord Annaly's successor, and Sir Charles announced that Mr. Aubrey Wallis was willing to hunt the Woodland Fytchley country for another year. A vote of thanks to Lord Annaly for the way in which he had hunted the country during the past twelve years was passed unanimously.

RACING.

Racing was impossible at Kempton Park on Jan. 23 owing to the weather. At daylight on Jan. 24 the thermometer at Kempton Park registered 18 degs. of frost, consequently the hopes entertained of deciding racing could not be realised, and as the conditions were wintery to the extreme there was no alternative but to cancel the fixture.

Racing took place at Nottingham on Jan. 26. Small fields were the rule, and only four runners took part in the principal event, the Harrington Handicap Hurdle Race, which was won by the outsider of the party, Mr. W. Barr's Mint Tower. Some interesting sport marked the second day's racing at Nottingham on Jan. 27, although the fields were again on the small side. The chief event, the Nottinghamshire Handicap Steeplechase Plate, produced a fine finish, Major Cliff's Great Cross just defeating the favourite, Badgrove, by a neck.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

BIRTHS.

FEIR, Feb. 3rd, at Gouripore Mills, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Feir, a son.

KHAREGAT, Feb. 2nd, at Walthair, the wife of Mr. K. Kharegat, P.W.D., Madras, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

COLLISHAW, Feb. 1st, at the General Hospital, Madras, May Collishaw, aged 12 years.

MEHERJI, February 17th, Miss Jerbai, daughter of Mr. Dhanjibhai Sorabji Pailani, Meherji.

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FAILINGS OF INDIAN BLUE-BOOKS.

Though the annual official publications of a variety of character, Imperial and Provincial, have in recent years undergone a change for the better quantitatively, it is a matter of common observation by publicists that qualitatively they are yet poorer in many important items of details than those in vogue prior to the era of the famous "Razor" Resolution of Lord Curzon. It is true that the antiquated system of the presentment of the salient facts of administration and the tabulation of statistics, pursued of old with all the regularity of a Grandfather's clock, has been done away with to a certain extent. We are thankful for the more intelligent and scientific one in existence since the organisation of a regular bureau for these annual publications. It was Sir Robert Giffen who led the way in England years ago, when at the Inland Revenue Office, to a highly scientific, yet most popular, way of treating all official returns and statistics. And it was wise that the Government of India followed his system. Yet Lord Curzon was so exercised by the ponderosity of the annual blue-books that he was prompted to issue a Resolution decreeing a reasonable and judicious abridgement of reports and statistics. At the date of the publication of that decree it was fondly anticipated by publicists that a new departure would be taken, better to educate and interest the public in all matters of administration, of which statistical information of a salient character was not the least. It was the great desire of that apostle of Efficiency to elicit well informed, rather than imperfect or ill informed criticism on burning questions of the day, whether in reference to finance and economics, to vital statistics, or other equally important subjects of popular welfare. It was consequently enjoined on all departments to eliminate from the annual publications what was useless and least informing or educative, and present only what was most useful and important. Discrimination of a judicious and well-balanced nature was to be exercised in order to achieve the excellent object in view.

A curious irony of fate, however, has wrought just the opposite of what was so wisely aimed at. The good object of the "Efficiency" Viceroy seems to have been miserably frustrated, judging from the way in which both Imperial and Provincial publications are annually published. For this result publicists have to thank the members of the omnipotent bureaucracy. To them the Resolution was most welcome from altogether a different point of view. It afforded them the opportunity to prepare reports and present statistics which would evoke the least criticism. They set about carrying out the Resolution in their own fashion, with all the ardour of the intolerant

iconoclast. Of course, there was a method in their iconoclasm which needs to be briefly explained. Apart from the quantity of the matter, the old class of blue-books was known to be exceedingly poor in quality. Publicists missed many crucial statistics of a truly informing and educating character. It was fondly anticipated that the process of abridgement would be judicious and discriminating so far as to improve the publications in every way for the better. In other words it was fully expected that much valuable matter and instructive statistics would be supplied, while mere chaff, worthless matter, with which they used to be padded and made voluminous, would be rigidly avoided. As a matter of fact nothing of the kind has been done. The people who are responsible for the blue-books have taken care to supply even less informing and instructive matter than before! So that the last state of these publications is worse than the first. This is the net result of the "Razor" resolution which, apart from the dissatisfaction it has given to publicists, is hardly creditable to the intelligence or bona fides of those entrusted with the preparation of these annual publications.

In the first place, there is to be noticed a too frequent change in the form and method of the presentment of statistics. This may be easily discerned, for instance, by a comparison of that serial known as the "Statistics of British India" of to day with those of yesterday. The shuffling and shifting of the forms of presentment will be noticed at once. They have not yet been able to systematise the forms and stereotype them for purposes of comparison. But, apart from this fact, there is, in the second place, that ingenuity, which is far from ingenious, of supplying what may be called "chaff" in place of the solid grains of interesting and relevant statistics. To say that the climax of irrelevancy has been reached would be no figure of speech. They are a source not only of disappointment, but vexation to those who desire to be well informed for purposes of impartial criticism and at the same time for educating the public. For instance, one of the serials contains tables of railway and irrigation finance which, on the face of them, must not only be pronounced bald and meagre, but hardly informing, because the most salient and relevant statistics are omitted. Take another instance. The statistics of land revenue are compressed in two tables. These can hardly be said to be comprehensive when it is borne in mind that the revenue has to be considered from a variety of aspects and when it has many ramifications which the public would like to study with the greatest interest. Again, this contention derives greater emphasis when it is pointed out how land revenue is deemed by the Government itself to be the backbone of the entire revenue system. And yet other items of revenue of a minor character, such as Forests and Excise fill page after page with tables, many of which must be pronounced to be so much waste paper and of absolutely no public interest, however useful in the departmental sense. Military expenditure again is treated most grudgingly, when, as a matter of fact, it absorbs the whole net land revenue of the empire. Take Income Tax. The statistical tables are exceedingly imperfect; there are so many omissions. And yet the tax is an index to many a social and economic phenomenon of the population. Perhaps, in the whole series no tables could be more instructive, and yet the very kernel of the statistics in relation to this branch of state finance is strangely omitted! But similar instances are legion. It requires a thorough-going iconoclast in statistics, but of the right intelligence and comprehension, fully able to anticipate the needs of an inquisitive public, keen on learning the pith and marrow of administrative details, to knock on the head the whole system in vogue at present of tabulating statistics, and to suggest a rational method which would possess all the elements of important information and instruction which publicists demand. Government is grievously mistaken, if it supposes it can escape enlightened and independent criticism by allowing valuable relevant statistics to lie in the obscurity of the dark corners of the statistical department instead of giving them the full glare of publicity they demand. Suppression can never reform an administration, however ingeniously they may endeavour to conceal the true administrative facts of a year. It is therefore earnestly to be hoped that Government will take a new departure and have courage enough to give the utmost possible publicity to a variety of relevant and valuable statistics, which it now consciously or unconsciously withholds from the public. A radical reform is needed in the presentation of the annual reports and statistics.

THE CENSUS OF INDIA.

The Report on the Census of 1911, issued in two volumes, by Mr. E. A. Gait, contains a mass of extremely interesting and useful information and considerably adds to the sum of our knowledge of India and its people. Great pains have evidently been taken to gather

full particulars on such subjects as age, sex, marriage, religions, languages, occupations, castes, tribes, and races, with the result that much of the information recorded will prove absolutely new to the general reader. In the introduction, Mr. Gait gives a brief history of previous censuses and describes the special difficulties with which an Indian census is beset and the procedure that was followed in the last. Considering these difficulties, which are necessarily increased owing to the illiteracy of the bulk of the population, the results must be considered eminently satisfactory. Not only was the work accomplished with a celerity, which is not approached even in some European countries, but the accuracy of the statistics is also noteworthy, the net difference in the whole of India between the provisional totals and those arrived at after detailed tabulation being only .04 per cent. It may be mentioned that the novel feature of the present census was the introduction of a separate schedule for the collection of particulars regarding persons working in factories and other industrial undertakings in which not less than twenty hands were employed, special returns being also obtained of the numbers of persons working on railways and canals and in the postal and telegraph departments on the date of the census. The actual cost of the census operations was about 20 1/3 lakhs, or rather less than in 1901. This expenditure, it must be admitted, has given splendid value, when we consider that the world has been made richer by a substantial amount of matter not only of high statistical value, but of absorbing historical, ethnographic, anthropological and linguistic interest.

According to the census, the total population of India is 315,159,396, of which British territory contains 244,267,542 or 77.5 per cent.; and the Native States 70,888,854 or 22.5 per cent. These figures are stupendous, but it may facilitate the comprehension of their full meaning if some comparison is made with the area and population of European countries. India is equal to the whole of Europe without Russia. Burma is about the same size as Austria-Hungary; Bombay is comparable in point of area with Spain; Madras, the Punjab, Baluchistan, the Central Provinces and Berar and Rajputana are all larger than Great Britain and Ireland; the United Provinces and Bihar and Orissa than Italy; and Hyderabad and Kashmir than England and Scotland, excluding Yorkshire. The population of this country exceeds that of Europe without Russia, and is considerably more than three times that of the United States. The United Provinces and Bengal have more inhabitants than Great Britain, Behar and Orissa have as many as France, Bombay as Austria, and the Punjab as Spain and Portugal combined. In the whole country there are on the average 175 persons to the square mile; the number in British territory to the square mile being 223 and in the Native States 190. It may be noted that the former figure exceeds by .34 the density ratio in France and the latter is identical with that in Spain. In the above figures we realise the vastness and variety of the country's features and conditions, evidences on all sides of great natural wealth, of a great past and a still more splendid future. Speaking of Bombay, the Report states that it has a larger urban population than almost any other part of India, of every hundred inhabitants 18 living in towns and 82 in villages. Other interesting facts about Bombay are that, as usual in Indian towns, there are 83 women per hundred men; that the Mahomedans are more addicted to town life than the Hindus; and that the Parsis are the "most inveterate town-dwellers," out of 84,000 in the Presidency only 11,000 being enumerated without urban limits.

Considering the variety and multifarious aspects of the subjects with which Mr. Gait deals it is impossible, in a brief article, to give anything like an adequate idea of the field of his survey. The Report teems with interesting matter. Most of the chapters are singularly interesting, that on religion being a comprehensive examination of a fascinating subject, which reveals, more than any other, the inner springs of Indian civilisation and culture. While Mr. Gait shows us the high philosophy and ethics of Hinduism, Buddhism and Mahomedanism and their offshoots, as well as the miscellany of superstition among primitive tribes which is known as Animism, he also discusses the conditions affecting Christian propaganda in this country. He points to the fact that, even among Indian converts to Christianity, there are manifestations of a spirit of independence which is yearly tending more to the nationalisation of the Indian Christian Church. Many of the missionary bodies have recognised the desirability of encouraging the spirit which has given rise to this movement. As an instance it may be cited that the Anglican Christians were recently given their first Indian bishop, who was consecrated by the Metropolitan of India in the Calcutta Cathedral a few months ago.

DAY BY DAY.

The New Under-Secretary of State. Mr. Charles Henry Roberts, M. P., who has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for India in succession to Mr. Montagu, who has been transferred to the Treasury, has represented the City of Lincoln in the Liberal interest since the General Election of 1906. He was educated at Marlborough and Balliol, and is a Fellow

of Exeter College. In 1895 he unsuccessfully contested Wednesbury and in 1900 was an unsuccessful candidate at Lincoln. Mr. Roberts is not widely known in the political world and perhaps owes his present advancement to the fact that he married a daughter of the ninth Earl of Carlisle; his mother-in-law being quite a pillar of the Liberal party. Mr. Roberts, who was born in 1865, is the son of the late Vicar of Tidebrook, Sussex. Under-secretaries must, of course, have advancement, if they are capable and ambitious, and India cannot complain that Mr. Montagu prefers the Secretaryship of the Treasury, a certain step to Cabinet rank, to the Under-Secretaryship at the India Office. But it is to be regretted that having got a sympathetic Under-Secretaryship who has, perhaps more than any of his predecessors conscientiously tried to understand India and Indian aspirations, we should lose him just as he has achieved some real comprehension of the affairs of his office, to be replaced with a young politician who presumably, has everything to learn about India.

Echo of the Sitapur Case. In view of Mr. Montagu's announcement in the Commons that Lord Crewe was convinced that the acquittal of Bachan Singh, the fourth accused in the Sitapur Murder Case, in no way affected the justice of the decision in the case of the other accused who were convicted, and two of them being sentenced to be hanged, it is necessary to recall the peculiar circumstances of the whole case. On the murder of one Gajraj, three persons were arrested and sent up for trial before the Sessions Judge of Sitapur. Bachan, who was not found at the time, was declared an "absconder." There were about 40 witnesses for the prosecution; but they were all disbelieved by the Judge, who acquitted the three accused. In this case, the defence counsel, depending on the totally unfavourable impression made by the prosecution witnesses on the trying Judge, refrained from calling any witnesses for the defence. After five months, however, on the appeal of the Government of Sir John Hewitt, the three accused were rearrested and tried before the Judicial Commissioners, who without asking the defence to produce any evidence, convicted them all on the strength of the Court documents before them and sentenced two to be hanged and one to be transported for life. The prisoners' appeal for mercy to Sir John Hewitt, it will be remembered, was not only rejected by him, but was withheld from the Viceroy, and the extreme sentence was carried out.

Bachan Singh's Arrest. After the first two had been hanged, Bachan Singh, the so-called absconder, was arrested and tried on a charge of murder like the previous accused. As was to be expected after the convictions and sentences in the previous cases, Bachan Singh was also found guilty and sentenced to transportation for life. He, too, appealed against this conviction and sentence and his appeal came before the same Judicial Commissioners as had tried the previous case. The same witnesses for the prosecution were produced and their evidence was of exactly the same nature as before. The Judicial Commissioners, however, disbelieved them all, and acquitted Bachan Singh. This was in May last, but a few weeks before the matter was ventilated in Parliament through the untiring persistency of Sir Henry Cotton. The only new circumstance in the trial of Bachan Singh, was that some defence evidence was called in his case, whereas in the case of the former three unfortunate, none was called. In these circumstances, it is somewhat difficult to understand the statement that Bachan Singh's case in no way affects the justice of the decision in previous cases.

The Cost of War. Some interesting statistics about the cost of war were supplied by Mr. Edgar Crammond, who has made this subject his own, in a lecture at Aldershot the other day. The South African War lasted over thirty-one months; the total British forces employed numbered nearly half a million; and the direct cost was £211,000,000. The Russo-Japanese War lasted about nineteen months, the Japanese forces numbered upwards of a million; and the direct cost was £203,004,000. The Balkan Wars, taken altogether, lasted about thirty-four weeks; the number of troops employed was some 1,100,000; and the total cost was estimated at £246,000,000. By none of these wars, however, were the great financial centres of the world directly affected. Their experience, therefore, does not afford a very definite guide as to the financial conditions which would be created on the outbreak of a war involving the Great Powers. The average daily disbursement of the six principal European countries is estimated by Mr. Crammond as:—Great Britain, £800,000; France, £1,800,000; Russia, £2,250,000; Germany, £2,200,000; Austria, £1,000,000; Italy, £750,000—a total of £8,800,000, or nearly nine times the present daily peace expenditure. Most, if not all, of these Powers find it no easy matter, to finance their present peace expenditure. No

appreciable proportion of the vast increase could come from additional taxation. The difficulties of raising a great war loan at a time when the markets are in a state of financial panic are obvious. What provision against the emergency of war other Powers have made is not known, though it is clear that the war policy of most of them is founded on the assumption that the next great war will be a very brief one.

An American Appreciation of the Gaskwar. From the current number of the "Library Miscellany" issued from the Central Library, Baroda, we learn that His Highness the Gaskwar's activities as a pioneer of the free public library movement in this country have earned the appreciation of some of the leading librarians of the United States, a country where the free library idea has taken the strongest hold of the masses. The Gaskwar has received a letter from the President of the 23rd Annual Conference of the New York Library Association stating that the Association "having listened with great interest to the account of library progress in the State of Baroda as presented by Mr. William A. Borden, have voted to convey to His Highness the Maharaja of Baroda the high appreciation and cordial congratulations of this Association on his successful inauguration of the pioneer movement among the Native States of India of a free public library system for the benefit of the Indian people." At the same Conference His Highness and Mr. Kudalkar, M.A., LL.B., the present Director of State Libraries, who was present at the Conference as a distinguished visitor, were elected Honorary members of the Association. A full report of the Conference is given in the "Miscellany" which also contains an interesting account of the visit paid by Mr. Kudalkar to Dr. Melvil Dewey, the pioneer of the library movement in America.

Discoveries in the Purana Kila, Delhi. According to "The Pioneer," the recent statement that masonry had been discovered in Indrapur, or the Purana Kila to the south of Delhi, is not at all justified. The oldest bricks that have been unearthed in the recent clearing of the interior of the fort are really of the Gupta period, about the 4th century; and others are of the 7th century. These antedate anything else as Delhi except the Asoka pillars and the Lohaki lat at the Kuth. It is doubtful whether excavations in the Purana Kila would prove of much value; there are many similar sites elsewhere.

The Board of Scientific Advice. The Report of the Board of Scientific Advice for 1912-13, just issued, covers a wide range of subjects,—chemistry, geology, geodesy, botany, mycology, bacteriology, silviculture, zoology, veterinary and medical research and cognate subjects. It may be mentioned here that important scientific and technical investigations are regularly conducted for the Government of India at the Imperial Institute, London. In addition to this the Institute furnishes information and renders assistance in connection with technical and commercial matters not only to Government officials, but also to commercial firms and private individuals. It is the special function of the Board, which was created by Lord Curzon, to examine the programmes of the various scientific departments of Government and make such recommendations and proposals as it may think necessary.

A Symposium on Religions. "Sarva Dharma-bhai Parishad" or "Congress of all religions," is the title of a well-illustrated volume issued by the Editors of the "Shrutibodhi" of Bombay as a special Sankranti gift for the Marathi-reading public. In this volume, representative writers and protagonists of the various religions of the world, Christianity, Hinduism, Mahomedanism, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Brahmoism, Theosophy, Sikhism, the Jewish religion, etc., explain the fundamental tenets and beauties of their respective faiths. Among the contributors are noted writers such as Sir R. G. Bhandarkar (Prarthana Samaj), Prof. Kosambi (Buddhism), Prof. Nawab Ali (Islam), Dr. S. H. Mody (Zoroastrianism), Mr. A. D. Satavalekar (Arya Samaj), and the Rev. D. J. Joshi of Bombay (Christianity). The volume is extremely well got-up and profusely illustrated.

The "Navayug". The current number of this new Marathi monthly keeps up the high level of interest and scholarship displayed by its previous issues. "Special attention may, however, be drawn to the article on "Mr. Mhatre and his art," wherein we have an interesting illustrated character-sketch of this premier Indian sculptor, whose statues of Queen Victoria and Mr. Justice Ranade and other works of a like nature have won for him high appreciation even at the hands of European critics. Mr. Mhatre's work is an example of what Indian genius trained in a modern environment, can achieve, notwithstanding difficulties in the way.

On Wednesday morning addresses were presented to His Excellency Lord Pentland, who is on tour, by the Madras Municipal Council, the District Board and the community of Sourashtra to which the Governor made a joint reply.

SOUTH AFRICA
AND INDIA.STRIKING SPEECH BY
LORD GLADSTONE.PLEA FOR BETTER UN-
DERSTANDING OF
INDIANS.EXPECTED SOLUTION OF
PRESENT TROUBLES.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17.

The Reverend C. Andrews lectured before a distinguished audience in the City Hall to-day on the subject of Mr. Rabindranath Tagore. The Mayor presided.

Mr. Merriman, moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, emphasised the necessity for a better understanding of the Indians, particularly of the Indian intellectual life.

Lord Gladstone, seconding the motion, said he had listened with great pleasure to the lecture, which was one to make them think and realise in fuller degree what India was and what their duties were to a people who were members of the British Empire. Lord Gladstone said the subject had interested him when at Oxford. He had made a special study of Indian history and had later visited India.

HIGHER APPRECIATION OF INDIA.

He wished more South Africans could go there and by so doing rise to a higher appreciation of what Indians were. They would then think less of India as a country which sends its coolies to the South African coast, and would realise that there was in the personality of Mr. Rabindranath Tagore an intense expression of the imaginative national life.

MARK OF INDIAN CIVILISATION.

In fact, India had developed perhaps far above the line attained by some parts of the British Empire in its civilisation and efforts to rise to a higher life. His Excellency joined with Mr. Merriman in thanking the Reverend C. Andrews.

SOLUTION OF TROUBLES.

He believed his lecture would do much to induce the feeling which would help to the solution of troubles which had stood in the way of good relations between India and South Africa. They were troubles which they all hoped and expected would be solved before long. He thanked the lecturer heartily for his efforts to bring about a better understanding.

MR. GALBRAITH COLE'S
DEPORTATION.MR. HARCOURT REFUSES TO RE-
OPEN THE MATTER.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

At question time in the House of Commons to-day Earl Winterton suggested the withdrawal of the sentence of deportation on Mr. Galbraith Cole in East Africa.

Mr. Harcourt replied that at present he did not propose to re-open the matter.

DISCOVERY OF OIL-FIELDS IN
E. AFRICA.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

NAIROBI, Feb. 18.

Oil has been discovered near Lake Albert. There are indications of the existence of an oil-field of a large extent.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

CLEM HILL IN FINE FORM.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

ADELAIDE, Feb. 18.

In the match between South Australia and Victoria, South Australia made 274 in the first innings, Clem Hill contributing 105. Ryder took seven wickets for 88 runs. Victoria made 213, Crawford took five wickets for 48.

In the second innings South Australia made 349, Clem Hill contributing sixty, and Victoria 324, Ryder hitting 105.

GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO OLYMPIC
GAMES FUND.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

The Reichstag has passed the Olympic Games contribution.

THE MEAT STRIKE
SLAUGHTERMEN RESUME
WORK.BUTCHERS' EMPLOYEES FRESH
DEMANDS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

MELBOURNE, Feb. 17.

The slaughtermen have resumed, the Municipality agreeing to do the cleansing of abattoirs. The butchers' employees are now demanding seventy-eight sailings for forty-eight hours' work. Consequently another strike is most probable.

FOUR THOUSAND MEN IDLE.

SYDNEY, Feb. 17.

Four thousand men are idle here in connection with the meat strike.

SERVIA AND BULGARIA.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RENEWED.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

BELGRADE, Feb. 18.

King Peter, to-day received in audience M. Tchaprachioff, the Bulgarian Minister in the presence of the Premier and the Foreign Minister. The speeches referred to the benefits resulting from the renewal of the diplomatic relations.

AEGEAN ISLANDS.

GREECE'S REPLY TO POWERS ON
FORTIFICATION.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

ATHENS, Feb. 18.

It is understood that Greece, in her reply to the Powers asks for assurances that the Aegean Islands, which she is not to be permitted to fortify, shall not be attacked and demands that the coast opposite Corfu shall not be fortified.

FRENCH ARMY AND NAVY
ESTIMATES.

ADOPTED BY CHAMBER.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

PARIS, Feb. 17.

The Chamber has adopted the Army and Navy estimates.

JAPANESE DIET.

TAXATION AMENDMENT-BILL PASSED.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

TOKIO, Feb. 17.

The Diet has passed the Taxation Amendment Bill, with the amendment reducing the taxes by eighteen million yen.

This is with reference to the Seiyukai amendment accepted by the Government in committee reducing the taxes by eighteen million yen.

CHINESE REVOLUTION.

QUESTION OF INDEMNITY FOR
FOREIGNERS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Sir Edward Grey in reply to Mr. Edmund Harvey said that the question of claiming compensation from China for damages incurred by foreigners as a result of the revolution was being discussed between the Chinese Government and the Legations in Peking. The British claim is confined to direct damages. Sir Edward said he was unaware that China had appealed for arbitration but said Britain would consider the question if it arose. "We are naturally anxious that all claims shall be on the same footing," he added.

OPIUM FOR CHINA.

FULFILMENT OF AGREEMENT OF 1911.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Replying to Sir J. D. Rees, with reference to the stocks of opium that are still awaiting entry into China, Sir Edward Grey said that Sir John Jordan had done all he properly could to secure the fulfilment of the Agreement of 1911. The Government were considering what could be done to clear up the matter.

GOLD FOR INDIA.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

PORT SAID, Feb. 18.

The P. and O. Mongolia to-day shipped £184,470 gold for India.

MARCONI
TRANSACTIONS.

LORD MURRAY'S ADMISSIONS.

ERROR, IN JUDGMENT NOT
OF INTENTION.

EXPRESSION OF DEEP REGRET.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

In the House of Lords to-day Lord Murray of Elibank made a personal statement with regard to the American Marconi transactions. He said the facts were known. Any error he had made, had been one of judgment, not of intention.

He next dealt with the question of purchasing the American Marconis for the Liberal party. These he had bought in an open market. He freely admitted that there was good ground for criticism by the Party. He believed at the time that the purchase would prove sound and remunerative. He fully admitted his error in judgment and regretted this as well as the purchases for his private account. He had, so far as in him lay, assumed the burden, taking over the shares at a very large personal loss. He emphatically stated that none of his colleagues was acquainted with the purchase. He had not informed Mr. Illingworth about it.

NOTHING DISHONOURABLE.

He had only informed the Party's solicitors. He affirmed there was nothing dishonourable in these transactions but said that on reflection he considered his course was not wise or correct. He deeply regretted it.

On Lord Lansdowne's suggestion, the discussion was adjourned till Thursday.

LORD AMPHILL'S MOTION FOR
AN ENQUIRY.

CONFERENCE AT LANSDOWNE HOUSE.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The Unionist leaders in the House of Lords conferred at Lansdowne House to-day to consider the procedure regarding the motion of Lord Amphill for the appointment of a committee of enquiry into Lord Murray's conduct in purchasing American Marconi shares.

VICEROYAL NEWS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Feb. 18.

Captain Halloway dined at Viceroy Lodge last night.

Her Excellency Lady Hardinge attended a dance at the Gymkhana Club after dinner.

Nawab Salim Jang Bahadur, Prime Minister of Hyderabad, and Colonel and Mrs. Haig arrived at Viceroy Lodge this morning as the guests of the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge.

Their Excellencies witnessed the semi-final of the Indian Cavalry Tournament this afternoon.

CALCUTTA POLICE MURDER
TRIAL.MR. NORTON TO DEFEND THE
ACCUSED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

The trial of Nirmal Kanta Roy, who had been committed to the High Court Sessions, on the charge of murdering the C. I. D. Inspector, Nripendra Nath Ghose by shooting, will commence either on Monday or Wednesday, next before Mr. Justice Stephen, and a special jury. There are thirty-four witnesses for the prosecution, thirty of whom were examined before the Committing Magistrate. Messrs. Norton, C. R. Das and J. N. Roy, have accepted the brief on behalf of the accused. Mr. Norton, however, has been suddenly taken ill with sciatica, so may probably not appear. Mr. B. C. Mitter, Standing Counsel, will conduct the prosecution. The case is likely to last three or four days. By the permission of Mr. Justice Stephen the accused is daily brought to the Court to give instructions to his legal advisers.

PLAQUE IN KARACHI.

(Associated Press.)

KARACHI, Feb. 18.

The daily returns from bubonic plague in Karachi show that during the last week there has been an increase in the number of deaths and cases. Merchants in whose quarters the deaths have occurred, are, where possible, changing their dwellings and if the increase continues, Karachi may see a sudden exodus in the labour and mercantile classes, serious alike to shipping and business interests.

COMING BY-ELECTIONS.

MR. BONAR LAW ON INSU-
RANCE ACT.

"A COLOSSAL BLUNDER."

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Mr. Bonar Law, in a message to the Unionist candidate for the Bethnal Green constituency, says that he trusts that the result of the by-election will help the Government to make up its mind on the subject of Ulster. He points out that Mr. Masterman was specially identified with the Insurance Act, which, Mr. Bonar Law maintains, has proved a colossal blunder. The letter adds that if the Unionists are returned to power they will appoint a committee to consider the advisability of making the insurance voluntary.

Mr. Masterman, speaking at Poplar, said that little had been heard of Home Rule but much about the Insurance Act in two of the most important by-elections of recent years. The real question, however, was the maintenance of the Parliament Act. He was prepared to bet that he would be returned for Bethnal Green.

MR. CHARLES HENRY
ROBERTS, M. P.NEW UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INDIA.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Mr. Charles Henry Roberts, M.P., for Lincoln, has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for India.

SUFFRAGETTE ASSAULTS LORD
WEARDALE.MISTAKEN FOR A CABINET
MINISTER.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Two hundred guests were present to-day at the wedding of Earl Spencer's daughter, Adelaide, and the Hon. Sidney Peel. As the party were entering the strain at Euston a suffragette attacked Lord Weardale with a dog whip. He fell down and afterwards returned home. The suffragette was arrested. It is believed that she mistook Lord Weardale for a Cabinet Minister.

OPERATIVES IN COTTON MILLS.

BURNLEY MANUFACTURERS TO
CEASE WORK FOR FOUR WEEKS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

In order to comply with the agreement to cease work for four weeks during the next sixteen weeks, the Burnley cotton manufacturers have practically agreed that the mills shall be closed in the Easter week, Whit Week and two other weeks at times suiting the convenience of individual firms.

HARRY FRAGON'S FATHER.

DIES IN PRISON.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

PARIS, Feb. 18.

The father of the late Harry Fragon has died in prison.

KING ALBERT'S ACCIDENT.

CONDITION SATISFACTORY.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17.

The King's fracture has been set and his condition is satisfactory. His Majesty has no fever.

LADY NANCY ARRIVES AT ADEN.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

ADEN, Feb. 17.

The petrol-driven seven-ton yacht, Lady Nancy, has arrived here from Colombo in nineteen days. All on board are well.

RAJA BAZAR BOMB CASE.

REPORTED ARRESTS AT DELHI.

(Associated Press.)

DELHI, Feb. 18.

It is stated that as a result of house searches, two persons, Ram Lal and Anch Bihary Lal, residents of Delhi, have been arrested, it is believed, in connection with the Raja Bazar bomb case. A number of papers have been also seized which are under examination.

LAWLESSNESS IN
PERSIA.ENGAGEMENT WITH PALUCH
RAIDERS.

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

TEHERAN, Feb. 17.

It is reported that the Swedish captain de Maro with 130 mounted gendarmes and two maxims from Kerman engaged a large force of Baluch raiders, east of Bam. Fighting is still in progress and the issue is awaited with anxiety.

MORE RUSSIAN TROOPS LANDED AT
ENZELI.

It is stated that the withdrawal of the Russian troops from Kasvin has not yet begun. Five hundred more were recently landed at Enzeli.

TRANS-PERSIAN RAILWAY.

SIR E. GREY ON SURVEY OF THE
KHORAMABAD SECTION.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Sir Edward Grey in reply to Colonel Yate in the House of Commons this afternoon said that every effort would be made to continue the survey of the Khoramabad Railway so soon as the situation justified it. It was contemplated that the Swedish gendarmes, who had done excellent work elsewhere, would direct their attention to this region with a view to its pacification.

GERMAN LOCOMOTIVES FOR
ENGLISH RAILWAY.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Following upon the storm of indignation caused by the appointment of an American as General Manager of the Great Eastern Railway, it is announced that the South-Eastern Railway has purchased ten express engines in Berlin. These will be the first German locomotives used on English main lines.

BURMA RAILWAY ENGINEER'S NEW
APPOINTMENT.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Mr. Heywood, formerly of the Burma Railway, has been appointed Locomotive Superintendent of Great North Scotland Railway.

RUSSIAN RAILWAY LOAN.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The applicants for the Russian railway loan of £25,000,000 will receive eight bonds for every thousand applied for. The remainder will be allotted pro rata.

NEW CHILIAN LOAN.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

A five per cent. Chilean loan of \$1,500,000 has been issued at 94.

MORE HOUSE SEARCHES
CALCUTTA.REPORTED VISIT TO A JUDGE'S
HOUSE.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

A number of further police house searches in different parts of Calcutta and its suburbs are reported. The residences of a college professor and of a judge are reported by the "Empire" to have been amongst those visited. Hari Chandra Mandal, who is under arrest in connection with the recently discovered explosive letters, has been remanded until the 24th instant.

A MISSIONARY WEDDING.

Yesterday at the Presbyterian Church Waudby Road, the Rev. R. M. Gray solemnised the marriage of Mr. W. H. P. Anderson, Secretary for India of the Mission to Lepers, with Miss Marian Haig, of Chalmersford, England, who is well known in Bombay, having been for many years a Secretary of the Y. W. O. A. in this city. The Rev. J. H. Cuthbert was bestman and the bride was supported by Miss Ethel Hunter, National Secretary Y. W. O. A. while Mr. M. R. Jardine gave away the bride. The chancel of the church was very prettily decorated by the friends of the bride. After the service the guests repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jardine at Winter Road, Malabar Hill, where refreshments were partaken of and the usual toasts drunk. The bride and bridegroom left by the Poona mail.

ECHO OF SITAPUR
CASE.BACHAN SINGH'S
ACQUITTAL.MR. MONTAGU ON RELATIVE
JUSTICE OF DECISIONS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Mr. Montagu, in reply to Mr. Morrell with reference to the Sitapur case, said that Lord Greve, after careful consideration, was convinced that the circumstances in Bachan Singh's case in no way affected the justice of the decision in previous cases.

LADY WILLINGDON.

VISIT TO CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL.

H. E. Lady Willingdon paid a visit to the Clare-Road Convent Girls' School at Ajyculia yesterday. Her Excellency, who was accompanied by Capt. Goudie, A.D.C., was on arrival, received by the Most Rev. Father Jurgens, Archbishop of Bombay, Mrs. Jennings, the mother-superior and the sisters. Her Excellency was first taken to the English-teaching school on the ground floor, from where Her Excellency proceeded to the garden where the children of the St. Anne's Poor School welcomed her. The European School in the Convent Hall was the next place visited by Her Excellency. Here the school choir sang some songs and Her Excellency was presented with a bouquet of flowers in a silver holder. Her Excellency, before leaving, expressed herself as greatly satisfied with all that she had seen there that day.

ENTERTAINMENT AT SEAMEN'S
INSTITUTE.

THEIR EXCELLENCIES ATTEND.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon, Lord Brassey and Lady Mabel Egerton, accompanied by Captains Jackson and Egerton, A.D.C.s, attended the concert and Tableau Vivants at the Seamen's Institute, Princes Dock, last night. The Nurses of St. George's Hospital had arranged six Tableaux "School for Scandal," "The Story," "You Dirty Boy," "The Fairies," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Simple Simon," and a musical programme—vocal and instrumental—was provided. The Government House Party arrived by motor car fifteen minutes after the programme had started, and stayed to the end. The performance, which was of the nature of a "smoking concert," was far above usual the weekly concert held in the Institute, and the packed audience of sailors thoroughly appreciated the various items.

SUICIDE OF A MARINE.

DEPRESSED BY REDUCTION IN RANK.

Yesterday Mr. G. F. Chalk, the Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Henry Frederick Charles Prangly, R.M.A., aged 40 years, on board H.M.S. Swiftness. It appeared that the deceased had been for some time depressed on account of his being reduced to a gunner. About six o'clock yesterday morning the men on board were aroused from sleep by hearing the report of a rifle, and on going to the spot found that he deceased had shot himself through the head with his rifle. The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane.

SOUTH AFRICAN STRUGGLE.

THE CENTRAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged: £2,354 9s 3d; Mr. G. K. Gokhale, through K. Natrajan, Rs. 10,650-0-0; The Hon. Mr. K. Gokhale, through Mr. K. Natrajan, Rs. 5,000-0-0; The "Gujarati," being the 10th instalment of contributions, Rs. 1,000-0-0; The subscribers and readers of the "Gujarati," Rs. 2,776-5-0; Through the Dundas Cowayee Jehangir for the "Gujarati" Fund Rs. 376-0-0; Bai Aimal Jabbay, through Mr. M. Kand Hon. Managar, Rs. 100-0-0; Seva, Sorabjee C. Birdy, Rs. 101-0-0; Tejmal Yajna, Post Paid Rs. 30-0-0; Total Rs. 20,156-5-3; under Rs. 10, Rs. 1-0-0; Total Rs. 20,157-5-3.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REVENGE.

ASSAULT WITH AN IRON BAR.

At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Rao Bahadur Chuni Lal Batawra, second Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Joddy charged Sajasing Lalasing, a Pundit, employed as a rent-collector, with causing grievous hurt to one Tukaram Bahaji, with an iron rod. It appeared from the evidence that the complainant Tukaram Bahaji refused to pay Rs. 2 extra, besides the rent of a stable, which the accused had asked for, whereupon a dispute arose and the latter struck the complainant on Monday last. The complainant went to the owner of the stable and complained to him about the accused's conduct, with the result that the accused was dismissed. The same evening the accused went to the stable and assaulted the complainant with an iron bar, inflicting serious injuries. The accused was convicted and sentenced to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment.

BOMBAY BANKING CORPORATION

DEPOSITOR CHARGES MANAGER

ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST

Before Rao Bahadur C. H. Setalvad, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, further hearing was resumed of the case in which Balwant Ramchandra Soman, charged Shridhar Krishna Kothavale, manager of the Bombay Banking Corporation (in liquidation), with breach of trust and criminal misappropriation in respect of Government promissory notes and a Municipal bond, of the aggregate value of Rs. 4,000.

Mr. B. N. Athvale, pleader appeared for the complainant, while Mr. N. N. Saher, barrister-at-law, defended the accused. Mr. Athvale said he need not mention the facts of the case as they were known to his Worship. He called the complainant, who stated that he was a contractor, living at Girgaum. He had a current account at the Bank, which had its registered office in Girgaum. In the month of October, 1913, he entered into a contract with the accused as manager of the Bank to enable him to overdraw the current account, and on his part he deposited security or cash in order to overdraw. In the month of September, 1913, he wanted to enter into such an agreement, and preparatory to such an agreement he deposited Government promissory notes of the value of Rs. 3,500 and one Tansa Municipal bond of the face value of Rs. 500. He handed over all these securities but one to the accused on behalf of the Bank on or about the 3rd September. One Government promissory note for Rs. 100 he gave the accused on the 5th. He produced the acknowledgement of that sum in the handwriting of the accused, written across his letter in which he asked the accused to receive the note. He was to give security to the extent of Rs. 5,000, and then the arrangement was to come into force. He did not receive a receipt for the securities of Rs. 3,900 which he gave the accused on or about the 3rd September. After depositing these securities he overdraw in his current account. He produced the pass book which showed that on the 18th of September the account showed a credit balance of Rs. 2,402 in his favour. Since then there had been balances to his credit. About the end of September he found that the affairs of the Bank were not going on satisfactorily, so he changed his mind, and wanted his securities back. On or about the 27th September he saw the accused and asked for the return of his securities. The accused told him that the securities would be returned in a couple of days but he did not do so despite the complainant's repeated requests. He received a letter from the accused dated the 29th October, saying he would return the securities on the 6th, but he again failed to do so. The Bank went into liquidation on the 6th October.

AFTER THE LIQUIDATION.

On the 25th October last he wrote a letter to the agents of the Company setting out his case, and pointing out that they were criminally liable in not returning his securities, and stating further that he was advised to take proceedings against them, but would give them 48 hours for a satisfactory explanation. He received no reply. There was no entry in his current account showing that the money value of these securities were credited. In consequence of information received, he made enquiries at the Specie Bank, prior to writing the letter of the 24th October. Subsequently he lodged his complaint in the Court.

To the Magistrate, witness said that he did not authorise the accused to pledge his securities and not to credit the amount to his current account. He had a fixed account in the name of his son. He received 2½ per cent. per year on current accounts and paid 9 per cent. on overdrafts. He gave the securities blank because they were to be negotiated at the time of making the contract.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. SAHER.

Mr. Saher, complainant's counsel, cross-examined the accused, and he could not be allowed to overdraw. He admitted that on the 5th of September he overdraw to the extent of Rs. 1,197, and subsequently to Rs. 1,497, but he did not admit that the contract had come into operation, as that was a business account and the present overdraft was given on his personal security. He could not say whether there would have been two accounts. There was only one account. After giving the security of Rs. 5,000 he was allowed to overdraw to the extent of Rs. 7,500. He could not say how much he was allowed to overdraw on personal security. After he had paid the security of Rs. 5,000 the other arrangement was to come into force. He had no writing to this effect from the accused, and as the amount was not complete, he did not take a receipt. There was nobody present at the time he and the accused made their arrangement. The Rs. 1,497 he overdraw was not on the securities he had deposited. If he had not repaid that amount, he thought the Bank would have been justified in operating on his security to that extent.

SECURITIES FOR SAFE CUSTODY.

These securities as given to the Bank were for safe custody and not to be operated upon till the amount reached Rs. 5,000. He would have endorsed them after the amount reached Rs. 5,000. On or about the 3rd of September when he deposited the securities he had not the full security. If he had the full amount he would have entered into a contract. He was to give intimation a day before over-drawing his account, and he did not know two or three days prior what amount he would require, but the Bank was bound to honour his cheques to the extent of Rs. 7,500 under the arrangement. The account for January, 1913, opened with a balance of Rs. 5,336-9 in favour of the Bank which was made up of different sums overdrawn. He had also made deposits, and withdrew after the time. At that time he

had given the Bank a security of Rs. 5,000 in cash, which was credited to his fixed account, on which he received 6 per cent. interest. He was given credit for Rs. 5,000 on the 22nd May, 1913, in his current account transferred from his fixed deposit. He handed over the receipt of the deposit account duly endorsed. The interest on this Rs. 5,000 did not appear in the pass book, and witness thought he must have received it in cash.

Keshav Shridhar Bhojekar, a clerk in the employ of the Liquidator of the Bombay Banking Corporation, living in Girgaum, said in reply to Mr. Athvale that the accused was manager of the Bank till it went into liquidation. He produced a register of the Bombay Banking Corporation, recording important securities sent to other banks. On September 15th, he found the promissory notes and the Tansa Municipal bond lodged with the Indian Specie Bank belonging to Mr. B. R. Soman, along with other securities, for Rs. 9,000. There was nothing in the Bank's books or papers to show when these securities belonging to Soman came into the possession of the Bombay Banking Corporation.

To the Magistrate he said he was employed by the Bombay Banking Corporation before it went into liquidation, and that there was a rush on the Bank in October, 1913, which was tied over by the Bank borrowing money from others, but he left the Bank in November, 1913. He closed its door on the 7th October, as there was a rush on this and other banks and money could not be secured. He knew personally that the notes belonging to Mr. Soman were placed with the Specie Bank along with other securities on the 15th September. Mr. Kothavale was manager of the Bank at the time.

Mr. Athvale said he would apply for summons to the liquidators of the Specie Bank and Bombay Banking Corporation to produce all documents in connection with the securities.

The hearing was then adjourned.

RANGOON RIVER TRAINING WORKS.

SIR H. ADAMSON ON THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

RANGOON, Feb. 18.

At the inauguration ceremony of the river training works at Seikgy last evening His Honour Sir Harvey Adamson, in reply to the address of Mr. G. C. Buchanan, Chairman of the Port Commissioners, referred to the project as being the largest effort to bridge a tidal river that had ever been successfully attempted in any country. The position had only to be stated in order to enable them to picture to themselves the tremendous catastrophe that threatened Rangoon. The port would have been silted up, and the town would have been left high and dry stranded on an alluvial plain and far removed from its natural artery of commerce. Rangoon with its enormous trade and no river at its door was inconceivable. No expenditure of money, however great, should have been grudged to prevent that unspeakable disaster. If the destruction had been allowed to go on, the problem would have changed from the training of the river to the saving of the city, probably at some distance below Hastings Shoal. From time to time, since the constitution of the port authority in 1879, this impending destruction of the port had been a matter of discussion, but until Mr. Buchanan assumed charge of the destinies of the Port in 1901 no engineer was found courageous enough to face the possibility of failure in a diversion scheme for bridging the great tidal basin varying from half a mile to a mile in width with depths of water of 80 feet below the low water level, 20 feet range of tides and currents inflow and the ebb running four to six knots an hour. Mr. Buchanan examined the conditions and issued a preliminary report in 1903. Mr. Meik, a well-known expert on harbour and river works, accepted his conclusions. Eighteen months were employed in making a complete survey, accompanied by tidal observation and in December 1905 the scheme was prepared and presented to the Port Commissioners. The scheme was supported by the Local Government and in course of time reached the Government of India. At their instance a committee was appointed to consider it, presided over by Sir John Benton, Inspector-General of Irrigation for India, with whom was associated the late J. H. Bell, expert on Indian rivers. The Committee issued its report in 1906 in which the principle of a training wall, proposed by Mr. Buchanan was agreed to by all, but the experts differed as to the way in which it should be constructed. Mr. Buchanan had recommended that it should be laid on mattresses. Sir John Benton's Committee recommended that it should be built on stone or laterite floor. A lengthy discussion ensued which lasted for four years. In the course of which Mr. Buchanan fortified his opinion by a foreign tour in which he studied on the river improved works of the United States and China, but he failed to convince the other side and so the controversy continued. His Honour then consulted his own chief engineer and came to the conclusion for what it was worth that the work was progressing on proper lines and that he should trust Mr. Buchanan the man on the spot. He represented these views to the Government of India and urged that there could be no progress until the controversy was brought to a peremptory conclusion. The Government of India accepted his views and sanctioned the estimated mattresses and since that time Mr. Buchanan had carried out his project without interference.

In conclusion, His Honour said a few words about the prospects of the ultimate success of this work. Projects of river training of such magnitude could rarely be predicated as certain success. There were so many unknown and unknowable factors in play that in best laid schemes of this nature there was always the risk of failure. He thought it could safely be said to-day in respect of this work that the hope of failure is a mere nightmare. Of the past it could be said with practical certainty that the work was firm and staunch and it had achieved its object, the largest of river training schemes in any country. His Honour ventured to predict that Mr. Buchanan emerged from this magnificent project with a name which would be remembered among the great river engineers in the whole of the world.

THE PIONEER BANK

SHAREHOLDERS DECIDE TO CONTINUE.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT.

An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Pioneer Bank with one dissentient decided to continue the working of the Bank after listening to speeches from Mr. Gajiwalla, the manager, and two of the directors. Mr. Gajiwalla explained the meeting what had happened in Court at the last hearing, and the decision of the Judge.

In pursuance of an order from the Court, the directors of the Pioneer Bank, Limited, a petition to wind up which is pending disposal in the High Court, convened an extraordinary meeting of its shareholders yesterday in order to ascertain their wishes regarding the continuance or the winding up of the Bank. Mr. Hiralal Kasanbhai, chairman of the Board of Directors, presided and about twenty shareholders were present.

At the outset Mr. Gajiwalla read a telegram from the managing agent of the Delhi branch of the Bank stating that the Delhi shareholders desired to continue the working of the Bank.

He then addressed the meeting. He said that he wished to acquaint the shareholders with some facts that had transpired after the last meeting, which had to be dissolved without transacting any business as Mr. Gulabchand, solicitor, had taken an objection that the meeting was not duly advertised in the press. As manager of the Bank he had told them all about the financial situation of the Bank, which he said was not worse having regard to the financial crisis. During the crisis many petitions for winding up several concerns were made and their Bank happened to be one of the victims. The hands of an isolated gentleman holding ten shares. When the petition came up for argument before Mr. Justice Macleod, Mr. Gajiwalla continued, his lordship asked the petitioner's counsel under what section he had brought the petition.

That he did not see anything in the petition and he asked counsel what was behind the petition. He (the speaker) did not wish to labour this point any further as the petitioner did not wish to continue and his solicitors had sent them a draft of an order to be obtained from the Court on Saturday for the dismissal of the petition. Under these circumstances, he appealed to the shareholders to continue the working of the Bank, observing that the position would not be worse than before, whereas on the other hand, a winding up would bring huge loss of way of liquidator's costs and forced recoveries. He said that by a careful and judicious working of the Bank, there would be no room for lamentation and greatest care would be taken to protect the interests of the shareholders. He hoped that the shareholders would unanimously decide to continue the working of the Bank.

Babu Brijmohanlal asked whether with the Bank resuming business, the liability of the shareholders to pay Rs. 15 per share would also continue.

Mr. Gajiwalla said that the directors have considered this question and they were thinking of reducing the capital by making the face value of the share Rs. 15 instead of Rs. 25, and therefore, the future liability on each share would be Rs. 5 only, but that proposal would be placed before another extraordinary meeting of the shareholders. It was a matter which would have to be decided by the shareholders themselves and also the creditors.

DIRECTORS AND LOSSES.

Mr. Masurekar, another shareholder, remarked that during such critical times he was asking them to pass a resolution for continuing the Bank, the Board ought to have brought forwards a definite scheme for its continuance. This Bank had made losses from its very start and they should not come to this decision unless the Board guaranteed future losses. The shareholders had confidence in the chairman and they looked upon him for the safety of their money and he asked him to reconsider the whole question.

Mr. Gajiwalla said that the difficulty was that Mr. Justice Macleod had left the matter to the shareholders. The Judge had said that he would dismiss the petition unless a three-fourths majority would come before him for the winding up of the Bank and that majority could not be created, and a compulsory winding up would be very costly. With regard to the directors guaranteeing losses, he said that that could not be done but the shareholders themselves could keep the closest watch on the working of the Bank.

Mr. Badruddin Abdulla Koor then moved the following resolution: "That it is the desire of the shareholders of this Bank that it should continue its business and that it should not be wound up." In support of his proposition, Mr. Koor said that an institution like this could not be expected to give a dividend at the end of first year as it had to undergo preliminary expenses and other charges. The resolution was in the interests of the shareholders, and it was open to them to convene a meeting after six months for its winding up if they were dissatisfied with its working. His experience on the Board was that the directors were doing all that they possibly could to promote their interests and for several months their directors had not cared to take their fees even. He was a big shareholder and he would not like to see his money wasted. If a chance was at all to be given, it was to be given that day and he said with some certainty that the Board would be able to overcome all its difficulties. The complaints about mismanagement had not been verified

but he had brought resolutions in the Board and got them passed to remove all complaints. He conscientiously believed that much would be gained by continuing the Bank and he asked the shareholders to give them a chance to continue the Bank.

"CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS."

The proposal was duly seconded and the chairman in putting it to the vote invited Mr. Masurekar to join the Board instead of asking the directors to guarantee the losses. A general meeting, he said, would be held within a couple of months and if the shareholders were dissatisfied with the present Board, they could appoint their own directors at that meeting. He had put his Rs. 50,000 in this Bank and he certainly would not have put the money there if the Bank was a rotten concern. Then, again the directors had curtailed all expenses. They had vacated from the old premises and saved Rs. 200 per month in rent. Their manager, it was true, was paid Rs. 500, but even in the smallest Bank a manager's pay was not less than Rs. 1,000 a month. However, their manager was willing to work on the agency system, but that proposal would have to be placed before a general meeting of shareholders and until then the directors could not force it on him. In the branches they had started the agency system and abolished the managements.

The proposition was then passed, only one shareholder voting against it.

EVILS OF MARRIAGE DOWRY.

YOUNG BENGAL TAKING VOWS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

The wave of enthusiasm caused amongst the Hindus of Bengal by the respectable Brahmin girl, Snehalata, who killed herself to save her father from ruin over her marriage expenses is still rising. Articles continue to appear in all the newspapers, and meetings will be held to-day at Benares, Meerutpur and Daulatpur. Besides at another large gathering yesterday in College Square, Calcutta, vows were taken by large numbers of young men. A pathetic letter from Snehalata to her parents is also being widely published.

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY'S NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

The "Indian Daily News" mentions the name of Dr. Deva Prasad Saradhikari to succeed Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee as Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University.

DELHI OUTRAGE.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

The "Empire" learns that a special officer of the Delhi C. I. D. is at present in Calcutta, in connection with the Delhi outrage and that sensational developments are likely to take place in regard to the attempt on the Viceroy's life.

AG KHAN'S DEPARTURE FROM RANGOON.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

RANGOON, Feb. 18.

His Highness the Aga Khan sails to-day by the steamer, Leicestershire for Marseilles. He was present last evening at the river training inauguration ceremony and the previous evening he was "At Home" at his temporary residence. Brightlands much a large gathering including the Lieutenant-Governor and party from the Government House was present.

HOOGHLY RIVER DACOITY.

POLICE FIRE ON MOB.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

Late on Saturday night a serious riot took place on the river Hooghly near Sibpur in which two police officers had a very narrow escape from an angry mob. On receiving information that some bales of piecegoods belonging to the British India Steam Navigation Company, were being taken away by the river dacoits, Superintendent Boyles, with a European Sergeant and several constables went to the spot and they were attacked by the dacoits and but machines numbering fifty. A fight ensued when lathis were freely used by Mr. Boyles had to draw out a revolver and fire in the air to frighten the rioters. In the course of the fight one man was killed and several wounded. The police recovered some stolen articles.

LORD PENTLAND.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT KODAIKANAL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Feb. 18.

His Excellency Lord Pentland, Governor of Madras performed the interesting ceremony at Kodaikanal yesterday, when he set the first sod of the St. George's houses for the domiciled community.

NO FURTHER FRONTIER RAIDS REPORTED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 18.

No further raids by Bunerwals or Utman Khel have occurred. Military and police precautions are being maintained and the passes are closely watched.

OPINIONS OF THE DAY.

The Karachi Municipality and its President.

"Sind Observer".—On last Friday evening the resolution proposed by Mr. Achalsingh was put to the vote and lost by the substantial majority of 23 votes to 9. The text of the resolution is by this time familiar to all members of the public interested in Municipal affairs. That it was lost causes us no great surprise. The first point we would draw our readers' attention to is this—Whilst there would seem to have been some difference of opinion between elected members, the nominated members voted solid for the President. We have every reason to believe that the minds of many of these members had been previously made up for them by a high official; we have every reason to believe moreover that they were practically compelled to go into the council chamber whatever their inclinations might have been. We know also that if left to themselves many nominated members would have supported the motion. We consider it our duty to draw the public's attention to these facts in order to help them to come to a right conclusion on this subject. With regard to the elected members also a great campaign of canvassing was carried on by the Hon. Mr. Harchandrai's supporters, aided materially by a certain Government servant who is also a member of the Municipality and whose dignity is evidently nothing to his spirit of partisanship. In one case a certain prominent Mahomedan gentleman had expressed himself strongly in favour of the resolution. So great was the pressure brought to bear upon him by the Hon. Mr. Harchandrai's friends that on the day before the first hearing of the debate he left for Hyderabad. He was actually about to return on the Thursday when he received a telegram announcing that the debate was adjourned to Friday. The gentleman in question remained in another case a prominent Hindu gentleman was so pressed, one might say harried, that he voted against the motion, though in fact he had expressed his strong approval of it. The public will thus have no difficulty in seeing that the supporters of the resolution were severely handicapped.

Confessions.

"The Parsi".—In England the police do not rely upon confessions; as a rule they do not want them and would rather be without them. Yet they obtain convictions. So it would be in India once they were shut off from this easy road to getting them." Mr. Justice Beaman rightly recommends that no reliance ought to be placed on the so-called safeguards. It is needless, he says, to dwell on the farce which is gone through before the third class magistrate intended to guarantee the voluntariness of confessions. Every one knows that it is a farce and that it guarantees nothing. An outspoken expression of opinion of this kind is quite characteristic of Mr. Justice Beaman, and he has earned the gratitude of all lovers of purity of criminal justice in India for his free frank and able minute.

DIRECT MAIL SERVICE TO KARACHI.

PORT TRUST'S PROPOSALS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

KARACHI, Feb. 18.

The Chairman of the Karachi Port Trust has placed before the Board the reports of the Chief Engineer and the Port Officer as regards the steps necessary to provide for a direct weekly mail service to and from Karachi, and has urged that the Government should be addressed on the subject.

The Chairman further says: "Moreover, irrespective of the direct mail service question we have to consider the effect of the deepening of the Suez canal now progressing. The Canal is working up to a depth of 36 ft. and this means that vessels of much greater draught than at present (28 ft. is now the minimum) will in the course of a few years be passing through the Canal. The record draught of a vessel leaving Karachi is 29 ft. 1 inch, but a vessel could not lie at the wharf berth drawing so much without touching bottom except for a short period at high tide." The Board have accepted the Chairman's suggestion.

J. S. M. D. OFFICERS' PAY ATTACHED

"NOT OFFICERS OF REGULAR FORCES."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LUCKNOW, Feb. 18.

Judgement has been delivered by a bench of the Judicial Commissioner's Court in appeal from the order obtained by Messrs. Murray and Co., Ltd., against two officers of the Indian Ordnance and Medical Department, attaching half their salary.

The Judicial Commissioners held that the judgement debtors, although public officers for the purposes of the Code of Civil Procedure, were not officers of His Majesty's Regular Forces for the purposes of section 136 of the Army Act, and that their pay being drawn from the revenues of the Government of India was liable to attachment. The appeals were accordingly dismissed with costs.

To uninstructed people the extent of the commercial relations between Java and British India, would come as a surprise. In the matter of that important Javanese industry—sugar—the Indian Empire in one of the greatest customers. From April to September inclusive of 1913, India, received from Java 5,411,502 cwts. of sugar as compared with 4,786,872 during the same months of 1912. It may be added that the next largest consumer of sugar reached India from Mauritius, the figures being 709,248 cwts. There are reasons to believe (says the "Gazette de Holland") that there will be still another considerable increase, this year in the export of Java sugar to British India.

GERMANY OF TO-DAY.

PRINCE VON BULOW'S BOOK.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

Prince von Bulow's book on "Imperial Germany" has been published by Messrs. Cassell and Co. Among the most interesting passages in the ex-Chancellor's volume are the following:—

The South-west African rising marked a crisis in our colonial policy, but also a change for the better. By reorganising the colonial administration, by transforming the Colonial Department of the Foreign Ministry into an independent Imperial Ministry, and above all by arousing a lively comprehension of our tasks and aims in the colonies, we succeeded at last, during the tenure of office of the Secretary of State Herr Dernburg, in getting our colonial policy off the dead centre.

A conflict between Germany and England would be a great misfortune for both countries for Europe, and for mankind in general.

Ever since the day when I undertook the affairs of the Foreign Office I have been convinced that such a conflict would never come to pass (1) if we omit a word which could not be attacked without very grave risk to the winning party; (2) if we did not, beyond laws, manage in advance and unimpaired surrounding and surrounding; and did not overlook our marine power; (3) if we allowed no power to acquire our reputation or our dignity; (4) if we allowed nothing to make an irreconcilable breach between us and England. As I always repeated any important attack which was likely to hurt our feelings as a nation, from whatever quarter it came, but resisted all temptations to interfere in the Boer war, as it would have meant English self-destruction a wound that would not heal; and (5) if we kept calm and cool and neither injured England nor ran after her.

The fact that the danger of an armed conflict between England and Germany seemed very imminent in the summer of 1911 by no means indicates that the struggle is only postponed, and not terminated.

If, on the one hand, there are opposing interests in Germany and England, on the other they have very vital interests in common. And, in truth, we cannot to ourselves supremacy as sea, and sea power belongs only to the sphere of possibilities—or rather of imagination—and not to the realm of tangible realities.

All Germany to-day is imbued with the idea of the necessity of having a navy. From the most pronounced agrarians among the Conservatives to the extreme wing of the democracy, there is no racial opposition to German naval policy.

Our relations with England require particularly firm and steady handling. We desire amicable and even friendly relations with England, but we are not afraid of hostile ones.

In the course of her great world policy England has hardly found any great power bar her way less often than the German Empire. This fact has not escaped the English in spite of their anxiety about the German navy.

FRANCE.

France would attack us if she thought she were strong enough; England would only do so if she thought we could not defend her vital economic and political interests against Germany except by force.

When we consider our relations with France we must not forget that she is unappeased, so far as man can tell, the ultimate aim of French policy for many years to come will be to create the necessary conditions, which to-day are still wanting, for a settlement with Germany with good prospects of success. If we soberly realise this truth we shall be able to adopt a proper attitude towards France. Indignant tirades against the incorrigibility of the French are in very bad taste, as are futile attempts to propitiate them. The German "Michel" has no need again and again to approach the coy beauty with flowers in his hand; her gaze is riveted on the Vosges. Only an acceptance of the irrevocability of the loss of 1871 can accustom France finally and without restriction to the state of affairs fixed in the Peace of Frankfurt.

HOME POLICY.

It is one of the German's greatest political virtues that discipline is bred in his bone. But the Social Democrats make use of this virtue. Only in a State where the people are used to discipline, where they have learnt to obey unquestioningly in the army, and where they feel the rigid regulations of the administrative machinery daily and hourly, could a party organisation of such size and solidarity, as that of the Social Democrats come into being. No nation in the world possesses, or has ever possessed, a like or even a similar party organisation.

GONDAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The annual prize distribution of the Monghbhai Girls' High School, Gondal, took place on Saturday last. His Highness the Thakur Sahab and Princesses Sailaba and Bakunvaria were present. Princess Lalaba, who is an ex-student of the school, distributed the prizes and in doing so congratulated Miss Mani Bhimi, as a student of the school as the first Kathiawadi girl to pass an university examination.

The Southern India Chamber of Commerce, has passed a resolution affirming the desirability of associating Indians in the directorate of the Bank of Madras. The absence of even one Indian on the Board of Directors, ever since the Bank was established, in a striking feature of it. The Bank of Bombay has two Indians on the Board of Directors, and the Calcutta Bank had two Indians at one time. The majority of the investors in the Bank of Madras are Indians, and a large number of Indian merchants have extensive dealings with it.

CREDIT BANK CASE.

JAFFER REFUSED BAIL BY HIGH COURT.

EVIDENCE OF BARODA DIRECTOR.

"SIMPLY SAT AT BOARD'S MEETINGS."

The High Court, yesterday, refused the application for bail made on behalf of Jaffer Jussub.

In the Police Court further evidence was recorded in the case in which Jaffer alone stands charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 70,000.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin said that the accused did not report to the Board that the credit of Rs. 75,000 given by them to Hassan Brothers was exhausted.

Mr. Hiralal Chotala Shroff, a Director, said that he signed the books without knowing their contents as he did not understand the English language and he relied upon what he was told. He added that he simply sat at the Directors' meetings.

The Advocate-General, instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared to oppose the application.

Mr. Inverarity said that he would not read to the Court the first part of the petition as it dealt with the merits of the case and he believed that their Lordships would not go into the merits of the two cases. He, however, wished to state with regard to the merits that his client had a perfectly good answer to all the charges.

Counsel then read the latter part of the petition and commented on it. It was stated in the petition that since the closing of the Bank, the accused had not been personally allowed to take inspection of the books, papers, etc., that he had applied to the Chamber Judge for the same before his public examination, but his application was refused. Unless he was released on bail, the applicant said, and allowed a full and free inspection he would not be in a position to instruct his legal advisers and expert witnesses for the purposes of his defence.

Mr. Inverarity said that since the cases had commenced in the Magistrate's Court, in one case only over exhibits had been put in, and the originals were taken away from the Court, copies having been substituted in their place. No opportunity was therefore available to his client to take inspection of the books though it was absolutely necessary for his case.

Mr. Inverarity then continued to read the petition, which stated that their Lordships had been pleased to release the second and third accused on bail and he prayed that the same indulgence might be granted to him, adding that since that order the third accused had been discharged by the Magistrate on the application of the Public Prosecutor notwithstanding the protest of counsel for the first and second accused.

GROUND OF ILL-HEALTH.

Continuing, the petitioner stated that he had now been in jail for about six months and that he was suffering from hydrocele and hematocele for the last three or four years; that he had lost nine or ten pounds in weight since he had been put in jail and that confinement was severely telling upon his health; that he was feeling pain in his chest and suffering from fever and was under medical treatment in jail; that upto the 10th instant, he was being given medicine in jail, but since then he had to attend the Police Court for his cases and it was not practicable for him to take medicine as he was removed to the Police Court at 10 o'clock in the morning and taken back to jail at 6 p.m., and the jail regulations did not permit an accused person to take medicine with him to Court and he had, therefore, to pull on without food and medicine, as a result of which his health was severely affected and was growing worse every day; that he apprehended that if he was kept in jail, his health would be completely shattered and he would be unable to defend himself when the trial came off; and that from the nature of the charges, it was essential that he should be present when his attorneys took inspection.

In this petition, Mr. Inverarity submitted, very strong grounds were made out for releasing the accused on bail. There was no suspicion whatever, he said, that this Khoja would not stand his trial and would not be forthcoming, which really was the reason for not admitting a man to bail.

THE ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S OPPOSITION.

The Advocate-General, in opposing the application, said that the accused in this case stood on quite a different footing from either Mistry or Aranha. Two charges were preferred against Jaffer and both were non-bailable. One was for abetment of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 9,000 and the other of criminal breach of trust in respect of about Rs. 70,000 and the grounds put forward on his behalf had no foundation at all. Very few of the exhibits put in Court had been removed.

He requested the Court for him could have full inspection of the exhibits they required.

facilities given to him to instruct his solicitors personally.

The Advocate-General: My first answer to that is that the Magistrate has intimated that he will not try the case, but that he intends to commit the case to the Sessions, and therefore the question of inspection has not arisen yet.

However, the Advocate-General continuing said, as a matter of fact the accused was brought to the police court every morning and his case not taken up till the afternoon and he had an opportunity of personally instructing his attorneys and taking inspection. He was further prepared to give an undertaking that any books removed from the Court would be taken back on the morning of the day fixed for the next hearing. The accused was charged with a very grave offence indeed and he submitted that he should not be released on bail.

With regard to the other ground, namely, of being unable to take medicine, Counsel said that he had no control over the jail authorities, but he would see that this facility would be given and the Public Prosecutor would write to the medical officer of the jail and the jail authorities, if necessary, in the matter.

Mr. Inverarity, in reply, said that the first charge of Rs. 9,000 was a trumped-up charge. It was alleged that his client cheated the directors and got a dividend declared but his client's share in that dividend was only Rs. 50. With regard to inspection, Counsel said that it could not be on to the exhibits only, but they wanted to go through other books too. Then no suggestion was made that his client would not be present at the trial and that possible harm could there be in letting out the accused on bail when special circumstances of this kind existed?

THE APPLICATION REJECTED.

In disposing of the application Mr. Justice Heaton said: We think that after what the learned Advocate-General has said there would be no difficulty about giving reasonable facilities to the applicant to take such medicine as would be necessary and also for him to see all those documents which it is essential that he should see for the purposes of his defence. That being so we see at present none of those special circumstances, which it would be necessary to show to exist in order to justify us in releasing the applicant on bail. We, therefore, decline to accede to this present application.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, Chairman of the Board of Directors, was recalled. Examined by Mr. Nicholson, he said he was Chairman of the meeting of the Directors held on the 17th December, 1912. At that meeting business of various kinds, fund and loan was put through and sanctioned. A loan of Rs. 75,000 was made to Hassan Brothers and Mahomedbhai Khairaj on a promissory note. The note was not produced then, nor was the Sub-Committee's book. Witness was shown the rough minutes which were before the meeting in question. He could not say whether they were in the accused's handwriting. As each matter of business was put through witness intimated it. He had before him the minutes, in which it was mentioned that the loan referred to above had been made and sanction was asked for. Generally they asked the accused at the meetings about the loans. He did not know who Hassan Brothers were. He did not know of Mahomedbhai Khairaj except by hearsay.

THE DIRECTORS' MEETINGS.

Witness further said that this and other loans were intimated by him, showing that the business had come before the meeting. The rough minutes were then copied out and confirmed at the next meeting and then signed by him. The next meeting was held on the 11th January, 1913, when a loan of Rs. 40,000 was made to Hassan Brothers and Mahomedbhai Nensay on a pro-note. He intimated each business as put through, as Chairman of the meeting. The minutes of the Sub-Committee were never brought before these meetings. The minutes of this meeting were put before the meeting held in January, 1913 and they confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting. The accused did not report that the credit of Rs. 75,000 given on the 17th December had been exhausted. This was a rule never reported to the Board. The Board had nothing to do with the private accounts of persons. The manager had to do with them. If they had known that the credit of Rs. 75,000 had been exhausted within a month they would not have made the subsequent loan of Rs. 40,000. Even under ordinary circumstances they would not have passed the second loan within such a short time. No books were put before the Board showing how accounts stood when these loans were being considered. As far as he (the witness) knew the Bank kept no confidential books regarding the accounts of parties. The manager never brought such books to the notice of the Directors. The latter had reliance on the manager and the Sub-Committee.

COULD NEITHER WRITE NOR READ ENGLISH.

Hiralal Chotala Shroff, one of the Directors, examined by Mr. Nicholson, said he had been a Director of the Credit Bank. He could neither write nor read English. He came to know Jaffer through the latter's brother Karmali who lived at Baroda. He happened to go to Jaffer's office with Karmali, where the accused saw him and asked him to be a Director.

He (the witness) was told that he would get interest and fees every month. He used to get Rs. 60 per month as fees instead of Rs. 120 which was first told he would get. He had already bought 100 shares and bought 400 more subsequently. He was at Baroda then and he knew where there was going to be a meeting through notices sent to him. He had never done a Director's business before. The business at the meeting of the Directors of the Bank was conducted in English, which he did not understand. When he wanted explanations he asked the Chairman. He did not know that he was put on the Sub-Committee. Witness was shown his signature in a book, but he did not know what the contents were. He was told his signature was required about the business done by the Bank and he relied upon what he was told. A clerk used to bring the book and the accused used to ask him to sign it. Before he signed nobody explained to him what the contents, which were in English, were. He knew neither Hassan Brothers nor Mahomedbhai Nensay. He did not know that a loan of Rs. 40,000

was made to them. He simply signed the contents, not turning the page over to see what they were. Witness was shown his three signatures in the book of the Sub-Committee. These signatures he said he had put without understanding the contents. He used to stop in Bombay at the most for one day. He had never attended a Sub-Committee meeting. He used to sign only at the Directors' meetings after they were over. He knew Triumrai, a Director. The latter and witness never went to the Bank apart from the other Directors. No business was put before them two at any time. He never had conversation with the accused at any time. The accused knew that he (the witness) did not know English because he signed in Gujarati.

The witness was then cross-examined.

Mr. Velinker: What did you do at the Directors' meetings?

The Witness: I used to simply sit there. HOW LONG THE MEETINGS LASTED.

The witness further said these meetings lasted about ten minutes, and sometimes more. Before he attended, he did not know what was going to happen there. Nor did he know what had happened at the meetings, after they were over, as he knew no English. He might have asked the Chairman or another Director about something, once but he did not remember what it was about. He had been a Director for three years. Some meetings he might have asked questions and might have known what had happened. But he did not know what happened at most of the meetings. He did not know what his responsibilities were as a Director. When he bought the shares, the accused never told him what his responsibilities were. For the last few months he (the witness) had acted as one of the Directors of the Baroda Tramway Company.

His Worship: Is the business at the Directors' meetings there conducted in English?

The Witness: Yes. (Laughter.) His Worship: Are your services as valuable there as they were to the Credit Bank?

The Witness: They have very few meetings there.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Velinker, the witness said that when he wanted explanations he used to ask the Chairman and not the accused. When the accused asked him to sign the book, it did not strike him that he should ask him. He relied upon him. He thought, when he signed, that it was the ordinary moneylending of the Bank. He never knew this book contained loan matters. The accused told him it was for the business carried on in the Bank, and he (the witness) signed it without making any inquiry. He (the witness) seldom missed the Directors' meetings and he got his fees. Re-examined by Mr. Nicholson, the witness said he did not get fees for meetings which he had not attended. Karmali, the accused's brother, was manager of the Baroda Tramways Company.

MOTOR CAR TRANSACTION.

Keshavalal L. Shah, examined by Mr. Nicholson, said he knew the accused and the Hassan Brothers. He was an insolvent now. He was formerly proprietor of the Orient Motor Car and Electric Company. He had sold a Fiat car to the accused and the account was made in the name of Hassan Brothers. He went to the accused for payment of the car, and the latter called Ahmed and instructed him to pay him (the witness) cheques, which were given. They were signed by Hassan Brothers but the accused did not give any reason why they were signed by them. The accused paid for the petrol supplied to him. Once or twice witness saw the Hassan Brothers in the car, which was however mostly used by the accused and kept in his bungalow. The repairs to the car were done at the accused's expense. Once or twice witness supplied a driver at the accused's expense.

S. Gooneratne, examined by Mr. Nicholson, said in September last he was manager of the French Motor Car Company. In that month he sold a Berliet car for Rs. 6,250 to the accused, who paid a cheque on the Credit Bank for Rs. 8,750 and gave a Fiat car in exchange for the balance. Further hearing was adjourned till to-day.

THE CAUSE LIST.

BOARD FOR THURSDAY 19TH OF FEBRUARY, 1914.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Beaman.

In the Division Court No. 53.

For consent decree.

88-13—Unwalla P & P Gokuldas Dayaram Master v. Jaffer, Mahomed Goolam v. Jaffer, Jaffer M. K.

176-14—Jehangir M. & S. Ebrahim Haji Ismail v. Mahomedbhai Gulam Hussein and anr.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

263-12—Captain v. V. Hirji Khetsay & Co a firm v. The B & C I Ry Co Crawford & Co. Kathmandu.

560-11—Payne & Co Mathuradas Kallanj & Co a firm v. Mathuradas Verchand and anr. Shamrao M. & H.

740-13—Jamestji R. and D. (For a pauper.) Rakhia Sultan v. Sallabhai Ibrahim Little & Co.

512-12—Jehangir M. Jossab and ora. Raghavya N. & Co.

560-13—Pestonji R. K. & Co Phiroze Cursetji Sethna v. Dadabhai Hormuzji Bili-moria M. B. Ghotia Pestonji R. K. & Co.

772-13—Soondardas & Co Sobhagchand Nagin-chand v. Chundulal Ishwarlal Mehta Unwalla P & P.

767-13—Rustomji & Co Pestonji Sorabji Mas-ter v. Dinsla Nusservanji Daru-walla and anr.

757-13—Bhaishanker K. & G. Hirachand Saka-ran v. Sharchand Dharmsey and ora. Manchershaw & N.

630-13—Hiralal and Co Nanabhai Tullock-chand and ora. v. The Albert Press Co Ltd and anr. Little & Co Bhaishan-ker K. & G.

688-13—Soondardas & Co Rose, Kate Correa v. Thomas William De Almeida Daphary F and D.

99-13—Smathern B. & Co Rabibhai alias Saras-wathal v. Dwarkabai and ora. D. J. Mantri Khunderao I. & M.

249-13—Bhaishanker K. & G. The Poonas' Bank Ltd. and anr. v. Motilal Chundilal Malvi H. M. & R.

601-13—Rustomji & Co Mathuradas Gordhan-der & ora. v. R. K. Kallanj & Co and ora. Ardesir H. & Co Little & Co.

546-10—Payne & Co The Advocate Genl. of Bombay v. Gangabai widow & ora. Wadia.

1145-12—Mulla and Mulla Pandooji v. Govind Bhatnagar and anr. Bhat M. B. & Co.

HIGH COURT.

APPELLATE SIDE.

ALLEGED CANTONMENT TENURE

CASE REMANDED TO DISTRICT COURT

(Before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Batchelor.)

BHIMAVABAI INAYAT V. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

This was an appeal against the decision of Mr. H. L. Hervey, District Judge of Sholapur, who dismissed the suit of the plaintiff-appellant with costs.

The plaintiff-appellant stated that the property in suit was acquired by gift by her, and she and her predecessors in title had been in possession and enjoyment thereof as owners for more than 60 years. The buildings were and have been in existence long before the introduction of the Bombay Land Revenue Code, and neither rent nor building rates were assessed thereon either at the original survey settlement in 1841 or at the two successive revision surveys in 1871 and 1894.

Troops were stationed within the limits of the fort and cantonment of Sholapur during the years 1819 to 1871 and though cantonment limits were fixed and re-fixed by the Government for the convenience of the cantonment authorities and for the purpose of the administration of cantonment affairs, private rights in property remained unaffected thereunder. The Secretary of State for India served upon the plaintiff two notices under the signature of the Mamlatdar of Sholapur informing her that under the Land Revenue Code the plaintiff property had been assessed at Rs. 40 per acre annually from the year 1910-11, and that the said rate of assessment would not remain in force for more than 50 years provided the land remained unresumed by the Government during that period and also that the land though assessed for rent equal in amount to the survey rate was not subject to the operation of the survey settlement.

That the land was held under Government tenure and was liable to be assessed at Rs. 40 per acre, and that the property in suit being still held under that tenure was liable to be resumed at any time and if not resumed the rate of assessment, viz., Rs. 40 per acre, would not remain in operation for more than 50 years. The plaintiff denied the allegations and the assertion of the defendant's right made in the notices, and filed the present suit. The plaintiff prayed that the notices should be declared to be ultra vires and illegal and both the assessment and the rent sought to be imposed thereunder be ultra vires and illegal. She also prayed that it should be declared that the plaintiff is and has become the owner of the property in suit, and that the property is not liable to be resumed and that the defendant was estopped from raising the plea that the plaintiff was not the owner thereof.

QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

The defendant, the Secretary of State for India in Council, in his written statement stated that the jurisdiction of the court to entertain the suit was barred under Section 11 of the Bombay Revenue Jurisdiction Act of 1876, in that the plaintiff did not show that the plaintiff preferred any appeal against the Collector's orders imposing the assessment in question to the superior revenue authorities under Sections 203 and 204 of the Bombay Land Revenue Code of 1879. The jurisdiction of the Court to deal with the question of assessment was barred under Section 4 (Clauses b and f) of the Bombay Revenue Jurisdiction Act, of 1876. The plaintiff did not hold the land in suit as owner and the defendant denied that the site was not liable to resumption or that it was not subject to assessment. The real facts were that shortly after the District of Sholapur became part of British India in 1818, a military cantonment was established at Sholapur, and the land in suit with certain other lands was included in the cantonment limits which were sanctioned by Government in the year 1821. The holders, if any, were evicted and compensated for their rights according to the rules and regulations then in force, which latter contained a clear direction in Section 21 that within the limits of cantonments private property was not to be included. The lands included in the cantonment became accordingly the property of Government. Some of the lands were, after their inclusion in the cantonment granted on cantonment tenure to military officers for the purpose of erecting bungalows for their residence. The land in suit was accordingly granted to Lieutenant Belasis between 1821-1830. In 1890 the cantonment was abolished and the lands then included therein which comprised the land in suit, were transferred to the civil authorities. In 1897 a special enquiry was started regarding the tenure of the land in the old cantonment of Sholapur. In 1904 Government introduced a second revision settlement into the taluka of Sholapur, but the land in suit was not included in that settlement as it formed part of old survey, which was treated in the revenue accounts of the town as revenue waste number assigned for grazing. On completion of the enquiry started in 1897 into the tenure of lands, Government, by Government Resolution No. 8891, directed that a special building assessment should be levied in respect of buildings which were used and occupied as buildings sites and were liable to such assessment. Notices were accordingly ordered to be issued by the Collector calling upon the plaintiff to pay the assessment fixed and intimating to her the tenure on which she held the land. Therefore the defendant pleaded that the military officers who first occupied the land in suit held it on cantonment tenure, and the plaintiff accordingly held it on the same tenure. The land was liable to resumption at the pleasure of Government. The cause of action with regard to the existence of private rights if any, to the land in suit, accrued in 1821 when the land was included in cantonment limits. The suit, so far as it related thereto, was time-barred. It was accordingly pleaded that the notices complained of in the plaintiff and the assessment mentioned therein were proper and legal. The defendant therefore prayed

that the plaintiff's suit should be dismissed with costs.

The District Judge raised the issues, whether the claim was barred under the provisions of section 11 of the Bombay Revenue Jurisdiction Act; and whether the jurisdiction of the Court to deal with the question of assessment of the plaintiff property was barred by the provisions of section 4, clauses (b) and (f) of the Bombay Revenue Jurisdiction Act? He decided the first issue in the negative and the second issue in the affirmative.

INTENDED RESUMPTION.

Mr. Shortt on behalf of the appellant, contended that the District Judge had erred in misconceiving the nature of the relief asked for in the plaintiff. The Lower Court was wrong in construing clause (b) and (f) of section 4 of the Bombay Revenue Jurisdiction Act of 1876. The Lower Court had erred in construing the notice Ex. 18, as to the intended resumption of the land in suit by the Government.

Their Lordships after hearing the arguments of Counsel remanded the case to the District Court to determine the following issues:—Whether the lands are held in cantonment tenure; and whether the Government are not estopped from asserting such tenure as against the plaintiff.

Mr. Shortt, with Mr. Mulgaoker, appeared on behalf of the appellant.

The Advocate-General and the Government Pleader appeared on behalf of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

ALL INDIA AMBULANCE COMPETITIONS

LORD HARDINGE POLICE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Feb. 17.

To-day was the Viceroyal day at the All India Ambulance Competitions, as not only were both the trophies competed for are presented by Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge, but the camp was visited by Her Excellency Lady Hardinge. The competition commenced promptly at 9 o'clock in the morning. The entries for the Lord Hardinge Police Ambulance Challenge Shield, were remarkably numerous, as no fewer than twenty-four teams competed; and when it is remembered that each police district was only allowed to send in one team and that teams came from all provinces, it will be at once realised that the competitors were very representative of the police forces of the Indian Empire. As yesterday the standard of training attained was remarkably high, and not one of the teams scored less than 70 per cent. of the possible marks. The Shield was won by the Lucknow District Police team with a score of 894 out of a possible thousand. The Cawnpore Police were a singularly good second as they scored only six less marks than the winners. The following teams scored over 80 per cent. of the marks: Lucknow, Cawnpore, Moradabad, Agra, Dera Ismail Khan, the Police Training School, Government Railway, Peshawar, Rae Bareilly and Unao. No fewer than seven of the individual competitors scored full marks and tied for the honor of being the best individual competitor of the competition. These seven were subjected in accordance with the rules of the competition to a further and uniform test by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Roberts, C.I.E., the moderator, with the result that Constable Harichand Bhat, of the winning team, was adjudged the best individual competitor and Constable Ram Nath, of the Moradabad Police, had the honor of the second best man.

It was very interesting to note the amazing way in which the work of the St. John Ambulance has caught on with the Indian community. It is the proudest boast of the Indian Branch that it is essentially an Indian Society for the benefit of India and the Indian peoples, and no fuller justification of this could be found than in the present competitions. As although there were Europeans and English-speaking officers and men in many of the teams, the winners are all men who know no English and one of them does not even write in the vernacular.

Her Excellency Lady Hardinge who is the Lady President of the Association in India, accompanied by Colonel Sir James Roberts and Captain Astor, A.D.C., visited the camp at twelve noon and remained for about an hour. Her Excellency visited the drill arenas and remained for a considerable time witnessing the tests and expressed her great interest in the work and her gratification at the practical nature of the tests. Her Excellency warmly congratulated Major Blackham, C.I.E., on the remarkable success of the competition and the excellent arrangements for the competitions.

LADY HARDINGE CHALLENGE BOWL.

Her Excellency was of course specially interested in the competition for her own challenge bowl which she presented as a thank offering for the services of the St. John Ambulance on 23rd December, 1912. This competition attracted no less than twenty-seven competitors, including three Indian ladies from the most distant parts of India. The Judges were Sir James Roberts, Major Davis, R.A.M.C., from Meerut and Dr. Nunan, a civil medical practitioner, from Bombay. The competition was exceedingly keen, but Mrs. Gilbert Walker the wife of Dr. Gilbert Walker, C.I.E., Director-General of Observatories, carried off the trophy with 220 marks out of a possible 250. Mrs. Gilbert Walker receives a miniature silver bowl and keeps the Lady Hardinge challenge bowl for a year. Mrs. Henry, the wife of the Deputy Manager of the Alliance Bank of India, and Mrs. Harvey of Calcutta, tied for the second place. Both of these ladies will receive a silver medal. Mrs. Atkinson, the wife of the Principal of the Thomson College, Roorkee, and Mrs. Cottle, Lady Superintendent of the Calcutta Nursing Division, tied for third place. Both of these ladies will receive a bronze medal.

Her Excellency Lady Hardinge has signified her intention of presenting the trophies and medals to the winners. The two trophies presented by His Majesty the King-Emperor to encourage ambulance work on the railways and amongst volunteers in India will be competed for to-morrow. The conference of representatives of various railways and volunteer corps interested in ambulance work, will be held in the officers' mess of the ambulance camp at 11 o'clock on Thursday, the last day of the competitions.

THE BHULESHWAR FIRE.

ALLEGATIONS OF DELAY IN SUPPLY OF WATER.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S EMPHATIC DENIAL.

Mr. H. B. Clayton, the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, has issued the following press note, denying that there was undue delay in the supply of water at the time of the fire that occurred at Bhuleswar in the early morning of February 6.

In connection with the most regrettable loss of life in the fire that occurred at Bhuleswar in the early morning of February 6th certain statements to the effect that there was undue delay in the supply of water have been made by irresponsible persons and have been given some currency by a section of the local press. In order to allay any apprehensions to which such statements might, if uncontradicted, give rise, the Acting Municipal Commissioner desires to make public the following facts, which after careful enquiry, have been established by uncontrovertible proofs:—

(1) The records of the Bombay Telephone Company show that the Hydraulic Engineer was officially informed of the fire at 3-55 a.m., Bombay Time. The first alarm was given by telephone as nearly as can be proved at 3-53 a.m.

(2) On the reservoir at Bhandarwada there is an automatic level recorder designed to show exactly when supplies are taken from the reservoir, while in various parts of the town there are pressure gauges which record continuously and automatically the pressure of the water in the mains at the places where they are located. All these gauges are locked and sealed and any attempt to tamper with them would be at once detected as the records would be discontinuous. The only possibility of discrepancy or error lies in the clocks attached to them being a few minutes fast or slow—though due care is taken to ensure that they shall be as correct as possible.

(3) The automatic level recorder for the Bhandarwada reservoir shows that the sluices were fully opened a few minutes before 4 a.m., on the morning of 6th instant. The mains fed from the 45 in. outlet valve at Bhandarwada are always charged with water as the outlet valve in question is not water-tight. Consequently pressure all along these mains is produced immediately the valve is opened.

(4) The pressure gauge indicating the pressure of water available in the principal main near the scene of the fire is that at the J. J. Hospital. The record of this gauge shows that there was an immediate increase from low pressure to full pressure shortly before 4 a.m.

(5) The record for the 18 in. Tansa supply main at Grant Road shows that a similar jump in the pressure took place exactly at 4 a.m.

(6) The exact site of the fire was not known at first, but as soon as it was known all the mains which were not connected with its immediate vicinity were closed in order to concentrate the pressure at the spot.

(7) The log-books of the Department fully corroborate the automatic records as do also the reports of the firemen in charge of the engines that arrived first on the scene. With our existing water supply, a few minutes must always occur before pressure can be obtained at the scene of a fire, and these minutes may easily seem long to those who are present and see their fellow-citizens in the throes of death. But in the case in question it is proved conclusively that all that was humanly possible was done to make water available at the earliest possible moment.

DISCUSSION IN STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Municipal Standing Committee at its yesterday's meeting considered the return of fires in the city for the week ending the 7th instant.

Mr. Chundilal V. Mehta inquired if it was an accurate statement that the water at the time of the Bhuleswar fire was received within five minutes of the call.

The Commissioner said it was accurate. The Telephone Office kept a record which showed that the call was received at 3-53 a.m., and the water was used from the main at 3-55 a.m. There was an automatic order near the J. J. Hospital, which showed the correct time at which water was turned and it was a machine which could not be tampered with.

Mr. Pheroze C. Sethna said these reports about water not being available soon, were very much exaggerated.

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia inquired why help had not been used on the occasion.

The Commissioner said that in no case was a person, who was visible to the Fire Brigade, not rescued. Some of the inmates of the house jumped from a window on to a flat roof. The distance to be covered was from 2½ to 3 feet and no person in his senses could have failed to make the jump with safety. But it was dark and they must have missed the footing. The ladders were used. He was going to make a detailed report about the fire.

The return of the fires was recorded.

ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Feb. 18.

The scheme for the establishment of the zoological survey is now before the Government of India. The Board of Scientific Advice viewed the constitution of such a survey with sympathy. They agreed, in a general way with the proposals submitted, but thought that in the event of such a scheme maturing stress should be laid on the relations which were to subsist between the Directorship of the Survey, the Superintendship of the Museum, and the Secretaryship to the Trustees. They did not consider it desirable to lay down as a fixed principle that the Director of the Zoological Survey in particular should continue to be Secretary to the Trustees or Superintendent of the Indian Museum, though he should necessarily be in the opinion of the Board be in charge of the zoological collections of the Museum.

THE INTEGRITY OF TURKEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The reply to your very pointed question "What has become of the integrity of Turkey's Asiatic possessions?" while discussing the recent decision of the Powers regarding the Aegean Islands, is very plain, simple and easy though it requires an elaborate marshalling of historical facts and events of the last forty years affecting the Turkish Empire. One who is acquainted with these historical facts and events is inclined to believe and rightly to believe that the Powers' idea or conception of Turkey's integrity was and still continues to be highly vaporous and apt to be evaporated by the slightest heat. It is questionable whether the Concert had ever bona fide entertained the slightest idea of preserving the integrity of the Turkish Empire. Nay, it is even doubtful whether the Concert ever made an honest attempt to preserve the integrity of Turkey or the Moslem Empire at large. Reading by the light of events during the last forty years,—events affecting the Mahomedan Empire throughout the world, the majority of us are constrained to think that the European Concert by throwing dust into the eyes of the people by her enchanting phrase of "preserving the integrity of Turkey and the Moslem dominions," has in reality followed the policy of "divide and directly or indirectly helped the policy of aggression over that helpless Empire. This is also true in the case of minor independent but helpless states.

It is much to be regretted that such a policy was initiated by Great Britain by her fatal Cyprus Convention, entered into secretly with Turkey only a month prior to the meeting of the great European Congress of 1878 at Berlin, which assembled to determine the fate of European Turkey. The events that followed the disclosure of Disraeli's secret convention of Cyprus will never be forgotten. As a compensation for her acquisition of Cyprus, England acquiesced in France occupying Tunis at the first opportunity without the former's opposition. Further, England allowed France a march *pari passu* with her in all financial matters with regard to Egypt and recognised France's claim,—a special claim, of protecting the Latin Christians in Syria. For the time-being this was the price paid by England for her secret Cyprus Convention to France at the cost of Turkey. In his "Secret History of the English occupation of Egypt," Wilfrid Scawen Blunt writes:—"To the Cyprus intrigue are directly or indirectly referable half the crimes against Oriental and North African liberty our generation has witnessed. It suggested the immediate handing over of Bosnia to Austria. It helped to frustrate a sound settlement in Macedonia. It put Tunis under the heel of France and commenced the partition of Africa among the European Powers." And lastly it encouraged Italy to pocket without a single pretext and the slightest opposition of other European Powers, the province of Tripoli. Persia has suffered the same fate as Turkey. We know too well the part that the Concert played during the recent Balkan Conflagration, as an "honest" preserver of the integrity of the Turkish Empire.

Well, sir, since the Balkan war, we are being told by the pro-Europeans in this country as well as in Europe that Turkey's mission lies in her Asiatic dominions, and were assured by the Powers that they will not countenance any act which would endanger the integrity of Turkey's Asiatic possessions. And in spite of that assurance here is a piece of news just received, that the Powers have decided in favour of Greece retaining a majority of the Aegean Isles including the islands near the straits and Asia Minor, thus endangering Turkey's Asiatic possessions by a Greek invasion. This time also we see that the Concert has gone behind its own assurances again. Under the circumstances would it be wrong to say that all the big talk about the "Preservation of Turkey's integrity" on the part of the Concert is a mere gloss to blind the world and that the Powers never were nor are honestly inclined towards such an objective. The recent decision of the Powers regarding the Aegean Islands and arrangements and agreements among themselves regarding the Railways in Asia Minor with their respective "zones of influence and spheres of action" therein, are matters which require another Marvin, to divulge the secret thereof, yet judging from the experience of past history one is inclined to suspect these matters to be the preliminaries of the final disintegration of the Turkish Empire—the one and the only desire nay the darling wish of the European Powers. Therefore the salvation of Turkey lies in her waking up to a full sense of her responsibility and asserting herself. The earlier she does so the better. It is not yet too late to mend.

Yours, etc.,
A. A. P. H.

17-2-14.

THE PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Recently I approached the Municipal Secretary with the humble request to favour me with a copy of the letter the President of the Corporation had addressed to the Government on Vaccination.

The Secretary in declining to comply with my request has written to say that "President's letters to Government and other bodies are not published for general information."

The Secretary was so good as to furnish me, as requested, with a printed copy of the letter Government had in reply addressed to the Corporation on the same subject, but it appears by way of courtesy only.

My contention has always been—and it is not nullified by the subsequent offer of the Secretary "to give me any information I require"—that for reasons which he who runs may read, definite regulations should be laid down and that it should never be left to the mere option of the holder for the time being of the Secretary's portfolio to decide what information should be disclosed to or withheld from the public.

Under the system in vogue at present it may conceivably happen, with a less firm

Secretary, that, under some pretext or other, the public may be refused access to such information as may tell against or reflect upon Municipal officials, or may cause trouble or annoyance to them to the ostensible detriment of public interest.

Will none of those Corporators who grace the Chambers as elected representatives of the people and who have to now stood up valiantly to protect the interests of the public, be pleased to take up this serious matter?—Yours, etc.

J. S. MIRZAN.

Bombay, February, 13.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

FORMATION OF A HINDOO DIVISION AT DADAR.

A meeting of some of the prominent Hindoo residents of Dadar was held under the presidency of Mr. Krishnarao Narayan Rane on Saturday last to consider the advisability of establishing a separate Hindu Ambulance Division at Dadar for the benefit of the people residing in the suburbs of Bombay.

The President in opening the proceedings pointed out at great length the usefulness and importance of rendering "first aid" to the sick and injured in times of emergency. As the population in the suburbs was increasing by leaps and bounds the formation of a body of specially trained men in ambulance work would not be a day too soon. He added that Major R. J. Blackham, the Assistant Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, at the time of the inspection of the Bombay Corps in October last, was favourably impressed with the Hindoo Division and strongly wished that such bodies might be formed in each village and town in India.

In conclusion the President gladly observed that an enthusiastic and energetic band of young men, about 40 in number, belonging to different sections of the Hindoo community had come forward to volunteer their services and join a Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade if formed at Dadar.

On the motion of Mr. S. K. Bole it was decided to form a Hindoo Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas at Dadar.

After the appointment of a committee of influential gentlemen to raise funds for buying uniform, equipment, etc., for the proposed Division the proceedings were brought to a close.

VARIETY ARTISTES IN INDIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I believe that there is an impression in Bombay that we only get second-rate artistes at our theatres here. For the enlightenment of the public I might mention that the Sisters Macarte, who very recently appeared at the now defunct Cinema-Deluxe have just had a very successful season at the London Hippodrome. From the press notices to hand in mail week, it would appear that they were very well received and their performance highly commended upon. These artistes, I believe, were brought to India by Mr. Mitchell. It is to be hoped now that he is running the "La Scala" that we may have more artistes of this calibre.

I would point out that this is only one case of many that have come under my notice.

I should be glad if you would kindly insert this in your paper.—Yours, etc.

FAIRE SAVOIR.

Colaba, Feb. 15.

THE STEPHENS MURDER CASE.

TRIAL IN THE SESSIONS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

KOTTAYAM, Feb. 17.

The Buckingham Stephens murder case came up yesterday before Mr. P. Raman Tampi, Sessions Judge of Kottayam. Swynny pleaded not guilty and further pleaded that he was a European British subject and consequently that Court had no jurisdiction over him. Mrs. Stephens also pleaded not guilty.

Regarding Swynny's claim to be dealt with as a European British subject the Sirkar vakil said that his claim had already been considered by the High Court and rejected. The Judge held that no further discussion on the subject was necessary. The vakil for the second accused, Mrs. Stephens, said his client was brought over to Travancore from Cochin on a mere notice from the District Magistrate that her statement had to be taken and recorded, but when she arrived in Travancore she was arrested and charged. It was necessary to have her extradited from Cochin which was not done, consequently the Travancore Court had no jurisdiction over her.

The Sirkar vakil then opened the case and said the accused shot the late Buckingham Stephens and caused his death while he was asleep, he would prove the intimacy between the two accused and their motive in getting rid of Stephens. He would further prove that the two accused were the only persons who could have committed the act, that the gun and gun-box belonged to the first accused, that the gun was cleaned on the previous day and taken to the first accused's room, that the cartridges were filled for the purpose of shooting Stephens and that Stephens was in the best of health at the time. The Sirkar vakil added that by medical evidence and expert evidence he would prove that Stephens could not have shot himself. Thirty-three witnesses had been cited for the prosecution and of these one Jacob was dead. He would file his statement as evidence and the other witnesses would be examined.

Re-nunni Krishnan, the deceased Stephens's butler, was then put in the box and his evidence was now concluded when the Court rose for the day.

Dull headache, brain in a muddle, easily irritated? Take Stearns' Headache Cure; one wafer brings a smile. Easy to carry, easy to take.

ALL INDIA NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Besant hopes to leave India, on April 18th.

Dr. Humann Jacobi, the distinguished Orientalist, has left Calcutta for Europe.

The final Budget discussion will take place on the 24th, when the Viceroy will preside.

Mr. A. H. Grant, C. S., will act temporarily as Foreign Secretary pending the arrival of Sir Percy Cox.

Sir James Meeson, when the season of the Council meetings is over, proposes to have a shooting camp in Oudh Terai, before going up to Naini Tal.

The security required of the local Barisal "Santi" press, which was started last year, not having been deposited, the press has been closed.

The future Central Railway Station of Calcutta points to being constructed at Sealdah. The Calcutta Corporation consider it to be the most convenient site.

Rails for tramcars are being laid in Limbdi State. The Thakore Sahib contemplates extending the tramway into the interior of his territory.

The fourth anniversary meeting of the All India Vedic and Yajurvedi Tithi Conferences will be held at Amritsar on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March next.

Mr. A. R. Banerjee, C.I.E., the Dewan of Cochin, will relinquish his portfolio at the end of this month and leave Ernakulam on Monday, the 2nd March.

The Government of India has generally accepted the Punjab Government's proposals regarding the colonisation scheme of the Lower Bari Doab Canal.

Gauhar Jan, the well-known Indian songstress who has been performing for some time in Rangoon, was presented with a gold medal by Lady Adamson, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Burma.

The Government of India office will close at Delhi as usual at the end of March and the probable date of closing will be on the 28th and the reopening at Simla on the 30th.

Babu Parmeshwar Dyal, B.L., the eldest son of Babu Atma Ram, B.L., the well-known principal of the Patna Law College has been appointed Law Member of the Bikaner State.

Sanction has been accorded to an estimate of the cost of building 10 stores delivery vans, four wheeled, for the Stores Department of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, during the year 1913-14.

The vacancy on the Bombay Ecclesiastical Establishment has recently been advertised in the church papers at home. This is probably the first time such a step has been found necessary in the history of the Indian Establishment.

The "unproductive" population numbers 11 per mile in India. This is composed of beggars, vagrants, prostitutes, prisoners, lunatics, etc. They are far more numerous than anywhere else in the Punjab where they form 24 per mile of the population.

A Dacca telegram on Friday stated:—This morning Mr. W. R. Gourlay, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor came to see the Hon. Ananda Chandra Roy, who is lying ill at his Armanitolla house. The incident has made a great impression on the public.

Karachi potatoes are shipped as far as Persian Gulf ports, Ceylon and Africa. An attempt is now made to obtain a new market for them in Covent Garden in London. An excellent crop has been harvested round Malir and Landhi this year.

The Metropolitan returned to Calcutta from Burma, where he held a Visitation of the Diocese of Rangoon, at the end of last month. He left for Mahabeshwar on the 18th on Synodical business with the Bishops of Madras and Bombay. It is stated that he intends going home in April for six months.

The question of extending the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act to Karachi has been for some time under the consideration of the Judges of the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind. The matter was also mentioned recently by the Karachi Chamber of Commerce in their address to the Governor.

Owing to the number of petty thefts that have taken place in Rangoon Cantonment, it was suggested by the Cantonment Magistrate that the finger prints of the servants of all military officers be taken, and this being agreed to by all such officers, the servants voluntarily appeared before the Cantonment Magistrate and their finger impressions were taken.

The Village Panchayat Association of Behar and Orissa was started in 1904. Since then it has done good work in settling the disputes of the people. In all about 2,500 civil disputes have been amicably settled through the Association during this period some of the disputes involved property worth lakhs of rupees. An arbitration hall has been also constructed.

American cotton grown experimentally in Sind has been sold at the price of Rs. 12 per maund, compared with Rs. 7 per maund for Sind cotton. The output of American cotton is about 450 bales. This year Government will distribute about 1,500 maunds of American cotton seed. Orders for 700 maunds have already been booked.

The natural oil springs which have long been known to exist in the Khasimara Valley on the southern slope of the Khasia and Jaintia hills, will possibly prove to be of great importance. Recent analysis shows that they are free from wax and of a high lubricating power. Two prospecting licenses for oil have been granted in Cachar but the concessionaries have not up to the present been successful in locating oil.

The Nellore District Congress Committee, having felt a doubt as to the practice of holding the Madras Provincial Conference when the Indian National Congress itself is meeting in Madras, referred the question to the Madras Provincial Congress Committee, and the latter Committee has, at its Meeting held on the 19th January, 1914, resolved, in accordance with precedent, that there shall be no sitting of the Provincial Conference this year, as the Congress is to be held in Madras at the end of the year.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday, the Hon. Mr. F. M. Chinoy presiding.

The Commissioner reported that he had arranged to enter into a contract with Mr. Papa Dada for the supply of beef and mutton, etc., required for the feed of animals at the Victoria Gardens during 1914-15 at a total cost of Rs. 3,098-2-10 as his tender was the lower of the two received for the supply, being less by Rs. 260-6-8 than that for the current year. A similar arrangement had been made with Mr. Amoo Miya Shaik Hassan for the supply of miscellaneous bazar articles at a total cost of Rs. 4,768-12-5 as against Rs. 5,711-7-0, the amount of the other tenderer. This total exceeded that for the current year by Rs. 365-0-7.

The letter was recorded. The Commissioner reported for the information of the Committee that arrangements had been made with Messrs. Barton Son and Co. Jewellers and Silversmiths, Bangalore, for the purchase of a silver casket of the value of Rs. 1,000 for presentation to His Excellency the Viceroy with the Corporation's address of welcome on his approaching visit to this city.

It was resolved to record the letter and to recommend to the Corporation to sanction for expenses a sum of Rs. 3,300 including the cost of the casket.

The Committee considered a letter from Messrs. Shant Wallace and Co., Agents for the Burma Oil Co., Ltd., regarding the supply of kerosene oil to the Municipality, and inviting attention, with reference to the schedules and contract form in connection with the supply of kerosene oil and petrol to the Municipal Stores, to the fact that not a single brand belonging to their company was included in the schedules, while the only petrol for which quotations were asked for was "Shell" Brand. They protested against this procedure stating that these tenders were public and that the competitive element was negated by the procedure followed.

It was resolved to forward the letter to the Commissioner for favour of remarks. The Committee then proceeded with the selection by lot of one-half of their number for retirement from office.

The result of the drawing was that of the Government members, Mr. P. C. Sethna and Mr. Whyte, and of the elected members, Mr. Cowasji Jehangir, Dr. S. S. Bhatliwala, Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia, and Mr. C. V. Mehta retired.

STRENGTHENING OF MADRAS HIGH COURT BENCH.

INDIAN BARRISTERS' CLAIMS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Feb. 18.

A largely attended meeting of Indian Barristers practising in the Madras Presidency, was held on Monday in the Bar Library, presided over by Dr. S. Swaminathan, the senior Barrister present.

The meeting was specially convened with a view to discuss the position of the Indian members called to the Bar in England. Several speeches were made as to the unsatisfactory position of this section which is rapidly growing in numbers compared with the local Vakils on the one hand and European Barristers on the other. It was also pointed out that the Indian members of the Bar met with less encouragement and sympathy in this Presidency than in Calcutta and Bombay. It was also mentioned that the Crown appointments always went either to Vakils or to European Barristers, whose numbers in Madras seem to be more or less limited to the number of Crown offices to be held with the exception of one or two who are waiting for vacancies to occur.

After discussion it was resolved to memorialise the Madras Government, the Government of India and the Secretary of State to recognise the claims of Indian Barristers practising in Southern India in connection with the proposal now pending for the strengthening of the High Court Bench by the appointment of two temporary Judges to clear off the large accumulation of arrears.

The chairman was also authorised to communicate the resolution to the Secretary of State by cable.

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BRITISH AGENTS AND THE KHEDIVÉ.

A REVIEW OF THE PAST.

The differences between Lord Kitchener and the Khedive over the Waks, which aroused so much excitement of late, naturally evoked in many minds a retrospect of the general attitude adopted towards his Highness by former British Agents. Little has hitherto come to light about those relations, and in what little exists the official view has alone been presented. A review of the past from an independent standpoint would undoubtedly assist to place things in a truer perspective, but such an undertaking is impossible within the limits of a short article, writes M. in the "Manchester Guardian." All that can here be attempted is to clear away a few misconceptions. First of all, in order to understand the situation, it is requisite to point out that *de jure* the Khedive is a semi-independent prince deriving his authority from his suzerain the Sultan of Turkey. He not only reigns but rules, and since the time of Ismail Pasha he rules through his Ministers, presides over their Council, and appoints and dismisses them at his sole will-pleasure. Such was the condition of affairs down to the date of the British occupation. But with the happening of that event the position of the Khedive was entirely altered. In theory, no doubt, he retains his former powers, at least he has never been formally deprived of them, but in practice it is quite otherwise.

FROM "RESPONSIBILITY" TO "CONTROL."

After the suppression of the Arabi insurrection and when England found Egypt on her hands, Lord Granville, then Foreign Minister, notified the Powers that Her Majesty's Government accepted the responsibility which circumstances had laid upon them, and assumed "the duty of giving advice" to the Khedive's Government "with the object of securing that the order of things to be established should be of a satisfactory character and possess the elements of stability and progress." From "responsibility" to "control" the transition was rapid. A year after England had assumed the duty of "giving advice"—that is, in 1884—Lord Granville wrote to Lord Cromer, then Sir Evelyn Baring: "In important questions, where the administration and safety of Egypt are at stake, it is indispensable that Her Majesty's Government should, so long as the provisional occupation of the country by English troops continues to be assured that the advice which, after full consideration of the views of the Egyptian Government, they may feel it their duty to tender to the Khedive, should be followed." At the time of Lord Cromer's appointment as British Consul Tewfik Pasha, the present Khedive's father, had for some years occupied the throne. He had gone through the Arabi insurrection when he was virtually a prisoner in his own palace and had seen his realm advance restored by British bayonets. Partly, perhaps, through gratitude, though more probably through being of a mild and pliant disposition, he did what he was told by his British mentor without murmuring. Hence, throughout the remainder of his reign, we hear nothing of any friction between the nominal and the virtual ruler of the country. Meanwhile Lord Cromer was gathering silently and unimpeded the threads of power into his own hands. Upon Tewfik Pasha's sudden and unexpected death in 1892 his son, then a mere stripling of eighteen, was summoned from abroad to succeed him. The lad had been educated in Europe, and was totally unaware of the difficulties and pitfalls which awaited anyone unwilling to serve as an automaton for registering the decrees dictated by the British Consul General.

YOUNG KHEDIVÉ'S PRESTIGE LOWERED.

In some respects, though not in prodigality, the young Khedive resembled his grandfather Ismail rather than his father. Abbas II. was courageous, enlightened, and ardently patriotic. Cognizant alone of his legal rights, he erroneously supposed that he might exercise an unfettered discretion in the choice of Ministers. Accordingly, when in December, 1892, the Prime Minister, Mustafa Pasha Fehmy, was thought to be at the point of death, the Khedive, without previously obtaining Lord Cromer's sanction, nominated as his successor Fakhry Pasha who had once been Minister of Justice but was got rid of by the British Consul General because they did not see eye to eye in matters of judicial reform. The supersession of the Prime Minister by one not of his own choosing was just the occasion for which Lord Cromer had been lying in wait, and of which, with his experience and astuteness, no one knew better how to reap the full benefit. Lord Granville's despatch, above quoted, was trotted out and the offence exposed to the British Government in all its enormity. To them it was represented that England was being set at defiance, and that prompt and decisive action was imperative if we were to retain our hold on the valley of the Nile. Lord Rosebery supported our Consul General, the result being that Fakhry Pasha's appointment was never gazetted, but another, Riaz Pasha, supposed to be more amenable to British behests, was substituted. Thus at the very outset of his career the young Khedive's prestige was lowered in the eyes of his people, and Europe was given to understand that he was a mere pawn in the diplomatic game that was being played for the complete and permanent acquisition of Egypt.

POLICY OF HUMILIATION.

A policy of humiliation had been triumphantly initiated, but for one whose ambitions were still unsatisfied a single defeat or so did not suffice. To fulfil them fresh victories must be sought. Accordingly no opportunity was to be let slip whereby the Khedive's speech or action might be turned to account in realising these aims. Such an opportunity was not long in presenting itself. In January, 1894, at a review of the native army at Wadi Halfa, the Khedive chanced to call the attention of General, now Lord Kitchener, who was in command, to a lack of training of certain of the troops—an observation in which the English Sirdar seemed at the time to acquiesce. The remark was made in perfectly courteous terms, and was received without any visible sign of irritation or resentment; so much so, indeed, that the Khedive and Lord Kitchener

continued to ride side by side, conversing amicably for the rest of the day. Nothing more happened until they returned to Cairo, when this apparently innocent circumstance was reported to the British Consul General, Lord Cromer, as was to be expected, viewed the matter in a very different light. In his eyes it was nothing less than an attempt to undermine the position of Englishmen in the Egyptian Army. Again the home authorities were referred to. They were informed, as likewise the home press, whose correspondents derived their information solely from the British Agency, that it was the manifest intention of the Khedive to discredit the British officers and to destroy their authority over the troops, that such conduct had brought about a situation which was intolerably dangerous, and that unless something could be done to rehabilitate the highest officers in the Egyptian Army in the eyes of their subordinates and the country discipline would be at an end, and the internal tranquillity of Egypt, as well as the security of her frontiers, gravely imperilled. In order to be effectively to impress the public with the gravity of the situation Lord Kitchener resigned. Already so complete had Lord Cromer's ascendancy over the British Government become, in consequence of his phenomenal success in administration, that they were ready to acquiesce in whatever he might recommend. With the whole might of England behind him, Lord Cromer was able to terrify the Khedive into issuing a general order expressing his approval of the discipline and efficiency of the Army, whereupon Lord Kitchener's resignation was generously withdrawn. This, for a second time within two years after he had come to the throne, his Highness was placed in an invidious position before Egypt and the world at large. But over his discomfiture someone had scored, for the British Consul General had thereby reached the goal to which his ceaseless efforts had all along been directed—namely, absolute, unqualified autocracy.

To recount the various disagreeable incidents, comes of them insignificant in themselves, though humours, such as Lord Cromer's childish insistence upon the dismissal of the Khedive's English coachman because he was supposed to have meddled in politics, would serve no useful purpose. Suffice it to say that in matters great and small an identical policy was ruthlessly pursued, even up to the very day when Lord Cromer, relinquishing office, took his farewell at the Cairo Opera House, and, in a long and elaborate speech, delivered a parting shot at the unfortunate monarch who for fifteen consecutive years had been the defenceless object of his oppression.

TIES OF PRIVATE FRIENDSHIP.

With Lord Cromer's departure and the advent of his successor this policy was superseded by one entirely opposite in character. Between Lord Cromer and the Khedive intercourse had been purely political, but, with Sir Eldon Gorst, to political relations were added ties of private friendship. For years the Khedive had been visited by Sir Eldon's sister and her father, Sir John Gorst, and when the new Consul General took office he was prompt to assure his Highness that their previous intimacy would, as far as he was concerned, remain unchanged. He was as good as his word. Sir Eldon manifestly considered that for the smooth working of the machinery of government harmonious relations between the Palace and the Agency were indispensable. Acting on this principle, he inaugurated an era of conciliation and cordiality which was preserved unbroken throughout the four years he presided at Kasr-el-Doubara. Unhappily, death prematurely claimed him. Shortly before his end the Khedive visited him at his country home, having made the journey to England expressly for that purpose, and smoothed with touching words of gratitude the pillow of the dying man.

Besides being incomplete, Lord Kitchener's term of office began too recently for an estimate of any value to be formed of his policy towards the Khedive. Nevertheless it is useful to remember that on presenting his credentials at Aberdeen Palace in 1911 his Lordship professed himself desirous "to maintain the deep sympathy which animated my predecessor in his relations with your Highness," and as cherishing the hope that this sympathy would facilitate his task of watching over, with the Khedive's approval and support, the prosperity of Egypt. These words, a fair promise, foreshadowing a continuance of the Entente Cordiale, are scarcely borne out by circumstances within the recollection of all. Taken in themselves, those circumstances exhibit a distinct tendency to revert to the autocratic attitude of Lord Cromer. It is, however, too soon to judge.

A CURIOUS COIN.

To the Editor of "THE CHRONICLE." Sir,—"The Gold Coin, of which your correspondent 'Amateur' has written you about, is an Indian Portuguese coin struck in the reign of King D. Jose I. (Joseph I). What 'Amateur' thinks to be a crown is a crown plus the then Portuguese Shield of Arms. On the reverse there is a cross of S. Thome. The 'ciphers' in the upper angles (012-X) mean 12 Xerefins. The lower angles bear the date. The present price of the said coin would be from £2 to £3 according to the condition of the coin.—Yours, etc.,

AUTHORITY.

Girgaum, February, 17.

To the Editor of "THE CHRONICLE." Sir,—In your to-day's issue I came across a correspondence entitled "A Curious Coin" signed by "Amateur." As a matter of fact, I would read the inscription on the gold coin in question as follows: "12-X-1767," being its date of coinage. Its value may be ascertained in the market.—Yours, etc.,

V. A. DES.

Kalbadvi, February, 16.

MR. BALFOUR ON BELIEF.

THE BASIS OF KNOWLEDGE ANALYSED.

Before a large audience Mr. Balfour in his fifth Gifford Lecture at Glasgow began the discussion of what he described as a more difficult and complicated topic than the emotions and moral sentiments treated in the last two lectures. He promised to avoid technical metaphysical terminology, but he could not help asking them to look at familiar things from an unusual angle. He proposed to take our body of everyday beliefs and of scientific beliefs, to look at that body both from the causal or genetic point of view and from the logical and rational aspect, and to place the result side by side.

A PERSONAL ALLUSION.

At this point Mr. Balfour made a personal remark which deeply interested his audience. He had, he said, been charged with having, in writings published many years ago, attempted to promote scepticism in the interests of orthodoxy. It was not only incompetent and unfriendly critics who had accused him of showing how difficult it is to accept ordinary and elementary ideas, in order to argue that, as knowledge is beyond us, we had better accept the beliefs that are most agreeable to us, and that, as everything is illusory, we had better make our illusions as pleasant as possible. "That," he said, "has been my view." His plea had always been in the interests of rationality, and that it should be the object of those who approach knowledge from the widest standpoint to place belief in the most reasonable framework.

Turning to his immediate subject, he said that one of the difficulties lies in the fact that every one is willing to see other people's beliefs in the double light to which he had referred, but no one is willing to apply the same test to his own. We all see that our neighbour's beliefs are the result of their experiences in childhood, their education, their general social surroundings, and the psychological atmosphere in which they live. We all agree that historical causes have influenced the development of belief in historical times, but we shrink from applying these canons of criticism to ourselves. Our own beliefs, like the beliefs from which we most differ, are part of a causal series and can be genetically explained, and their history goes back through the social history of the community.

How, he asked, does it come about that there is a coincidence between a rational series which is a logical justification of beliefs and a causal series in which reason does not appear till the latest stages, and then only as one of a set of psychological influences. This, he said, had never been faced directly and fully. Could it be answered by a reference to natural selection or to selection in some form? It is true that anyone who mistakes the character of the world into which he is born will perish and that those who make right judgment have the best chance of surviving and leaving offspring. But it is absurd to say that man's powers of discourse and man's insight, limited though it may be, into areas of time and space in which he has no interest whatsoever can have been bred into us by the necessity of obtaining food and of ousting others in the struggle for existence.

CRITICISM OF THE EMPIRICAL.

The rest of the lecture was devoted to a criticism of the empirical philosophy which assigns a privileged position to knowledge derived from experience. He objected to any bisection of knowledge, and he drew attention to the fact that all philosophical controversies rage, and always have raged, over the very question as to what experience means, as to whether we can infer from it, and as to what we can infer from it.

Locke had written that "one unerring mark by which a man may know whether he is a lover of truth in earnest is by not entertaining a belief in a proposition with greater assurance than the proofs that it is built upon will warrant." The words, "with greater assurance than," the proofs that it is built upon will warrant, now became Mr. Balfour's text. Leslie Stephen, he said, had called this a platitude. Is it a platitude? Did Locke, did Leslie Stephen, act upon it? Could the world go on if everybody acted upon it? He appealed for a more courageous view, and he insisted that if the world were suddenly to begin to examine what we believe by the exact amount of assurance which the proofs will warrant, the whole possibility of carrying on practical or even speculative life would come to an end.

He asked them to consider the possibility of the education of youth on these terms. The response came in a laugh from the audience; and Mr. Balfour went on to point out that when we come to years of discretion we find ourselves possessed of a body of beliefs and judgments which have been instilled into us, and which we hold without any reason at all.

Reminding them that what he had in mind was not religion or philosophy, but what is called common sense, he asked if they would advise a young man not to enter into practical life until he had made up his mind about these various propositions and the exact degrees of assurance with which he could hold them. It would be ludicrous to start in life without accepting many propositions about which it is easy to argue and about which philosophers ought to argue, but which even philosophers hold with greater assurance than the facts warrant. Let them read Locke's own efforts to get outside the circle of sensations and impressions to the external world in which he firmly believed. Let them turn to psychology for the evidence of each other's existence. He did not want to annoy or to puzzle anyone, or to suggest a sceptical view; he only asked them to face the facts about knowledge in a scientific spirit.

In conclusion, Mr. Balfour indicated the results at which he hoped to arrive in the next five lectures. He hoped to show that there are inevitable processes of thought which are not logical, and further that there are probable beliefs of profound importance for practical life.

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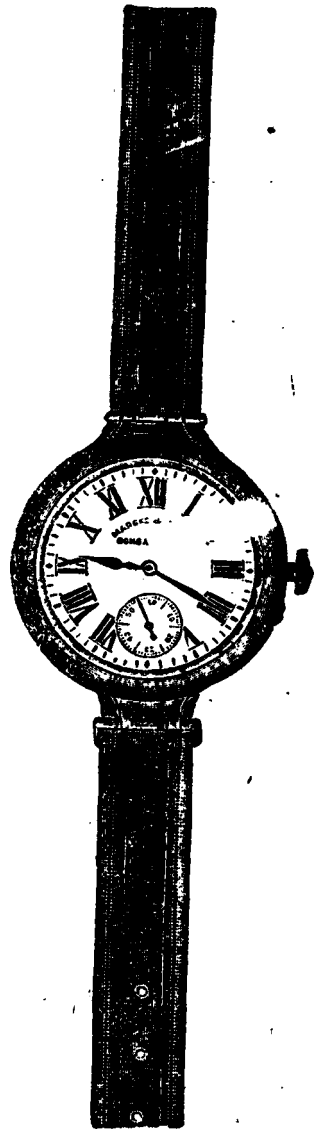
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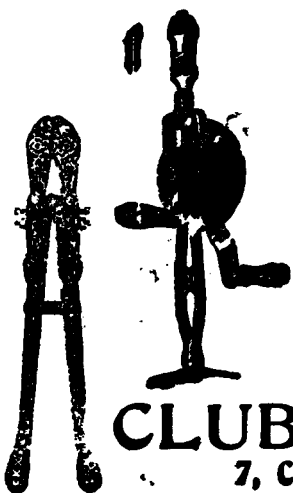
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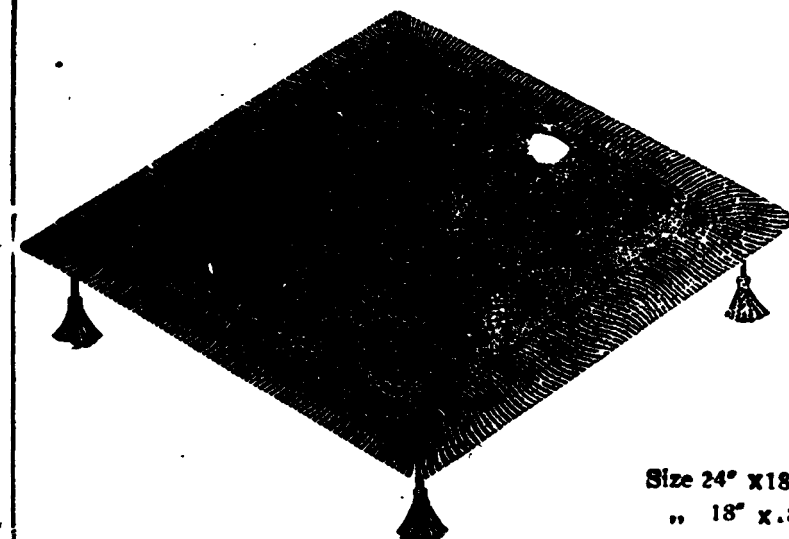
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